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Prison is criticised following suicide

A YOUNG Welshpool man died two days after he was sent to a "particularly dangerous prison" in the Midlands.

Adam Rushton, 20, committed suicide at HMP Brinsford after being sent there in 2009 despite a psychiatric report that identified him as a suicide risk.

The deaths of young prisoners like Adam are now the subject of an independent, government-backed review.

And Adam's family say his death should be used as a stark example of how the prison system is letting down vulnerable young people.

The chief inspector of prisons has named Brinsford as the single worst jail he has visited since he started the job in 2010, prompting calls for its closure.

Adam's mother Annette, who with husband David adopted Adam when he was seven, has spoken of the catalogue of administrative errors which meant his risk of harm was not spotted.

Adam was placed into a cell on his own, where another inmate had killed himself just days earlier. Two days later he hanged himself from the bars of his bunk bed.

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Chamber will elect officers

NEW officials will be elected at next Wednesday's meeting of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce at The Wynnstay Hotel.

Last month's meeting closed without enough nominations for officers and committee but names have now been put forward for the key roles and elections will go ahead.

Chairman Heather Noble said: "It is very encouraging that so many people have come forward and there is still time for others to put their names forward."

Jackie is named as Walford College's new principal



Jackie Doodson

WALFORD and North Shropshire College has revealed the name of its new principal and chief executive.

The board of governors at the college has announced that Jackie Doodson is its new principal.

This follows an extensive country-wide search.

Mrs Doodson, currently at Llandrillo College, will replace Andrew Tyley, who has stepped down after seven years in the position in order to start his own consultancy.

Gillian Richards, chairman of Governors at the college, said: "We are delighted with the appointment of Jackie Doodson as the new principal and chief executive of Walford and North Shropshire College."

"We were extremely fortunate that we had a very strong field of candidates from which to choose, and we are very pleased that Jackie was among them."

"She will bring her extensive experience and knowledge to the

role, and we are looking forward to working with Jackie in the months and years ahead."

Mrs Doodson has been principal of Llandrillo College for the last two years, the culmination of four promotions during her time at the college.

Her posts at the college have included being lecturer in business and management; quality manager; faculty director, business, computing and tourism; and vice principal, for over six years.

Mrs Richards, said: "The board is keen to see Walford and North Shropshire College grow its curriculum provision, to offer the local community the best choice for its further and higher education needs."

"Jackie has a very strong background and will bring all her experience to the role, for the benefit of local people."

The college has two bases in Shropshire, one in Walford and the other in Oswestry.

Vehicles rev up for classic day at railway

A RANGE of classic cars, lorries and motorcycles will be joining the historic trains at a heritage railway this weekend.

The Cambrian Heritage Railway in Oswestry will be holding its second heritage and classic vehicles extravaganza on Saturday.

A vintage bus will run a free service from Oswestry station to Llyncllys station, near Pant, where there will be more trains running. Buffers restaurant in Oswestry station will also be open.

Last year's event saw 30 vintage vehicles including old police motorcycles, three Minis, three Morris Minors, two Jaguars, a Triumph, a Portafold caravan and two ERF lorries on display.

A spokeswoman said: "We ran the first classic car show last year and it was a resounding success. We had everything from lorries to motorbikes, including a selection of vintage police motorcycles and the rider dressed in costume."

"It was very popular and we had a huge response from visitors and exhibitors saying it was a tremendous selection of vehicles."

She added: "We had a lot of people asking when we were going to do it again, so we put it on the calendar again this year."

Repairs force road closure

MOTORISTS face overnight diversions with a village bypass closing for three weeks so damage caused by winter weather can be repaired.

The A5 Nesscliffe Bypass, between Oswestry and Shrewsbury, will be closed between the Wolf's Head roundabout and the Felton Butler roundabout.

It will close between 8pm and 6am from May 12, with traffic sent on a short diversion through Nesscliffe village.

HOSPICE PLAN GOES ON HOLD

PLANS to expand Hope House Children's Hospice are on ice with bosses blaming the financial climate.

The chief executive of the Morda based hospice, which cares for terminally ill children and young adults, says it will not be able to expand further in the current climate.

Andy Goldsmith said the hospice needs to raise £5million a year to keep running, with only £1million of that coming from government and health board funding.

Mr Goldsmith said as it stands the charity, which cared for 650 families last year alone, will not be able to expand any further, despite the need for a young adult facility.

He told members of Oswestry Rural Parish Council on Tuesday night that despite large expansion in recent years, including the opening of Ty Gobaith hospice in Conwy and a counselling service for youngsters affected by the death of a loved one, any further moves are on ice.

Lottery

He said: "We have to raise about £5million a year and of that we raise about £1million from out lottery and the charity shops, which currently bring in about £500,000 a year."

"We have 15 charity shops and are looking at opening more and although I do appreciate people don't always see that as good news for the high street, they are vital to our fundraising in a really competitive market."

"In addition to this we get about £1million from the Welsh Assembly and local health boards, although this is never guaranteed for any period longer than 12 months due to budget restraints."

"This then leaves us with somewhere in the region of £3million to find each year

from generous donations from members of the public. Our research shows the average donation to be about £60 to that is an awful lot of people we hope are kind enough to donate each year."

He added: "Sadly though we don't have enough money for any grand expansion which is what we would really like to do."

"Every year we care for more and more people and last year alone dealt with 650 families and we need to run a steady ship, offering the best quality care that we can."

Mr Goldsmith said the hospice previously dealt with children who were not expected to reach the age of 18, but now regularly cared for youngsters up to the age of 25.

He added: "I think there is scope for this side of things, maybe not in the Oswestry area but maybe in the Telford & Wrekin area but with things the way they are it would be very difficult."

"We could afford to probably build somewhere, but not to then run it."

Hill walk weekend plans



Helen Francis prepares for this year's walk

FINAL plans are being put in place for a hill walking weekend which is expected to attract hundreds of people.

The event in Trefonen, near Oswestry, began more than 20 years ago as a walk by residents to the top of one of the local hills, with a milk churn being used as a collecting bucket.

Now hundreds of people take part in three days of events over the May Bank Holiday weekend.

One of the organisers and founder of the weekend, Helen Francis, said the event had snowballed over the years and next month's event was shaping up to be another success.

She said: "It is a huge team effort to have everything organised and various groups in and around the area do their bit to make the event a success. It is an annual event which raises money for national and overseas charities."

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Oswestry staff took to the streets for a promotion day in Oswestry. Turn to page 9

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Orthopaedic planning to attract extra patients

by Sue Austin

BOSSES at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital want to increase its share of patients in the region by 10 per cent in the next five years.

The hospital is already first choice for patients in Shropshire, but now it is hoping to attract more patients from Mid Wales, Cheshire and Staffordshire.

In its bid to woo more patients the hospital is using new technology, from DVDs that patients can watch to social media.

Katrina Morphet, marketing manager at the hospital, told the foundation trust that a strategy had been developed to update the marketing of the specialist hospital.

"The aim is to improve patient share by 10 per cent over the next five years," she said.

Mrs Morphet said that various methods to encourage more patients and doctors to look at the Orthopaedic.

Study days are held within the hospital for medical experts, including GPs with the most recent one on spinal problems. Staff also go out to various medical events across the regions.

Members of the trust board were shown one of the nine DVDs – staying awake during shoulder operations – that are available for patients to watch on the hospital website.

They heard that the one explaining day care surgery had been watched 1,177 times in the past seven months.

Mrs Morphet said that hospital website was also being revamped with the new look site expected to be launched next month.

Trust board chairman Russell Hardy said he would like to see the DVDs available outside the website, for example on YouTube.

The hospital spent £2.5 million on capital projects.

Funding for another defibrillator



Anne Morris, Mike Smith, Ian Morris and Nicki Carmod present the cheque for £400 to Graham Breeze

A senior citizen's club is the latest organisation to back the Oswestry & Border Chronicle's appeal to fund a network of defibrillators for the town.

Members of Oswestry Senior Citizens Club took part in a defibrillator training session organised by the Chronicle and Terry Foster of the West Midlands Ambulance Service and handed over a cheque for £400 towards the cause.

The donation will help contribute towards a public defibrillator being sited at the group's Lorne Street headquarters in the very near future.

Staff from the Wynnstey Hotel also completed their training this week and a defibrillator unit will be sited at the hotel.

The Chronicle has now raised enough money to site five of the life saving units across the town. Others will be homed at Powis Market Hall on the Bailey Head, at Principality Building Society and outside the newspaper's office in Salop Road.

Local electrician Tim Davidson of 4-Life Solutions has donated his services to erect the cabinets to house the defibrillators. The first was due to be erected this week.

Chronicle associate editor Graham Breeze said: "We have been overwhelmed by the support we have received and the latest donations from the Senior Citizen's and a contribution from The British Ironworks mean we are now in a position to complete the project."

"Over the next few weeks the units will be going live, meaning that the town centre will have instant access to life saving defibrillators for the first time. The appeal has been an amazing success."

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DAY THREE: Includes the stunning run down the West Highland Railway before heading east for a short afternoon break in the historical city of Stirling and enjoying a return via Central Scotland and the Borders.

Compass Tours by Rail

Meeting hears of fears on drilling

CONTROVERSIAL plans to drill for gas could eventually lead to the "industrialisation of the rural areas" of the county, a public meeting heard.

Andrew West from campaign group Frack Off also claimed drilling for shale gas could have wider implications for tourism and the economy in Shropshire while also adding to climate change problems.

He was speaking at a public meeting held at the Hermon Chapel in Oswestry to discuss the proposals for land at Dudleston, near Ellesmere.

Campaigners told the 75 people attending the meeting that such plans had caused huge problems already in other countries such as the USA and Australia.

The plan has been put forward by Dart Energy which aims to stage exploratory drilling for Coal Bed Methane (CBM).

Campaigners fear the drilling for CBM could lead to controversial "fracking", or hydraulic fracturing, for shale gas in future years, a claim the company has denied.

Mr West said told the meeting: "This leads to the industrialisation of the rural areas. We have already seen it in other countries, such as the USA."

New website for Mid Wales

A NEW website has been launched showing what's on across Mid Wales.

Powys County Council and the Arts Council of Wales have joined together to launch the site, which shows what arts events are taking place across the county.

Council taking the lead in shaping town future

by Sue Austin

A town council is taking the lead in planning for the future on everything from improving phone reception to planning, its mayor has said.

Councillor Chris Schofield told the annual Oswestry Town meeting that, in his opinion, the authority remained firmly at the heart of the community.

"It touches the day to day life of many organisations, individuals, the business sector, and our visitors, through the many services and events that we provide," he said at last week's meeting.

Ambulances are facing delays at hospitals across the Welsh border

AMBULANCES helping out across the Welsh border are having to queue for up to three hours outside Wrexham's Maelor Hospital, putting patients in the county at risk.

West Midlands Ambulance Service said the issue was causing concern, because it was increasingly being asked to step in.

The problem was highlighted by John Wright, Shropshire's assistant general manager for the West Midlands Ambulance Service, at a recent meeting of the Oswestry Health Group.

He said that the Welsh Ambulance Service was increasingly asking for help to cover north and mid Wales border areas, with an average of one request every day.

"It is certainly a concern for us," he said. "The longer we leave a vehicle outside the areas the more workload that falls onto the others."

"We have to put responders from other parts of the county to cover that and that puts a risk on the patients still in the county."

"There is concern when we take patients to Wrexham they can't even get through the door, they have to wait in the back of the ambulance for a bed and that is a concern for the patient as well as us."

"It's not the place you want to be, when you get to the hospital you want to be in the hospital and being seen to."

"I believe that without a Town Council such as ours, Oswestry would be a much poorer place."

Councillor Schofield said that he was delighted that the multi million pound Smithfield scheme, to rebuild the town's livestock market and also provide a retail and leisure park with superstore and cinema, had started.

"This is a conclusion of many years of negotiation, frustration, legal challenges and many planning applications."

"Importantly, it will provide new facilities such as restaurants, cinema and retail and give every incentive for Oswestry Livestock Market to be at the forefront of the local agricultural industry which is so important to this town, its economy and its community."

Exciting

"Although controversial in the planning stages, it is exciting and encouraging to see that in difficult financial times, individuals and companies are prepared to invest in Oswestry and show us their confidence in the town and its future."

Councillor Schofield said he was also looking forward to a new Innovation Park that was being promoted by Shropshire Council.

"This also demonstrates that good things are happening to this town and we should embrace them as far as possible. We need jobs to underpin our local economy and local services."

"We have placed a great priority on the viability and vitality of our town centre and, in meeting that commitment, we have invested in new Christmas lighting and arranged significant events for the town, including Oswestry Christmas Live, Continental Markets, Oswestry Youth Music Festival, Summer Band Concerts, Love Your Local Market events."

"Whatever the future is to be, then I am sure that Oswestry Town Council will have a key role within the shaping of it."

Mayor's last coffee morning



Welshpool Mayor John Meredith hosts his final coffee morning

WELSHPOOL mayor John Meredith has hosted his final mayoral coffee morning for charity as his term of office comes to an end.

Money raised during mayoral events over the past 12 months has gone to the Welshpool Leg Club and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Councillor Meredith said he had served two years as mayor and in his first 12 months he raised money for Welshpool Stroke Club and the Epilepsy Association.

He said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as mayor for two years and I would like to thank everyone who supported me,

particularly during my fundraising events."

"I had the privilege of formally launching the Welshpool Leg Club during my term in office and the nurses there and all the staff to a wonderful job for local people in caring for people with leg problems."

"I have been over the moon about how much we have raised during the mayoral coffee mornings."

"I have held them every month and they have been very well supported by the people of the town on a regular basis."

Councillor Meredith said he would be standing down as mayor after two years this month.

NEWS in brief

Cartridge firm helps you save

AN Oswestry businessman claims to have saved customers over £150,000 in the last two years.

Since opening his Cartridge World store in Salop Road 10 years ago Nigel Passant says he has recycled around 90,000 inkjet and laser cartridges.

"In the last two years alone that's probably saved local people and local businesses who choose to recycle their printer cartridges rather than buy new ones, £150,000," he said.

"We are a family business. My father, my daughter and my two sisters all work in the business and we've a good customer mix, both business and retail," said Nigel.

"But our success is mainly down to customer service."

Tributes paid to council chairman

A TRIBUTE have been paid to Councillor Glyn Evans, chairman of Weston Rhyn Parish Council, who died this week.

He has been described as a "smashing fellow" who did all he could for the area during his life by Councillor David Lloyd, Shropshire Councillor for Gobowen, Selattyn and Weston Rhyn, said he had known Mr Evans for more than 20 years.

He said: "I was with him at a parish council meeting on Monday and he was in excellent form."

Classic cars to go on show at hall

DOZENS of classic cars will be on show at this weekend as part of a special event when up to 60 Bentleys will be driven to Glangsevern Hall, near Welshpool, on Saturday.

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NEWS

Time is running out to get in sporting nominations

by Iain St John

A last call has been made for nominations of people who have made outstanding contributions to sport in Oswestry over the last year.

Oswestry & District Sports Council has already received some nominations for the annual Oswestry Sports Awards, but nominations will close on Monday.

There are six awards to be won: junior team, disability sport, coach of the year, veteran sports award, outstanding achievement and contribution to sport.

Susie Hancock, secretary of Oswestry & District Sports Council, said: "These awards are available to anyone who lives or trains in Oswestry or the part of Shropshire within 10 miles of Oswestry."

Challenge goes out for artists

A local artist is challenging people who think they can't draw or paint to pick up a brush and pen, maybe for the first time in their life.

Retired NHS counsellor Barbara Noton has developed a new complete beginner's course which will be held at Qube in Oswestry.

She said: "I meet so many people who tell me they can't draw or paint because that's what they were told as a child. It's rubbish of course; anyone can learn. We all have an artist inside us. It just takes the right teaching and encouragement to bring it out."

Visitors to Qube will be able to see an exhibition of Barbara's current works in watercolour and ink on display in the upper gallery each weekday between 9am and 5pm, and Saturdays 9.30am to 12.30pm.

The drawing and painting for complete beginners course starts on Tuesday and costs £7 a session or four sessions for £25.

"The awards are a way to recognise and congratulate local people who dedicate themselves to local sport, as volunteers or players."

Nomination forms are available for download from www.oswestrysportscouncil.org.uk or by email from susie@oswestrygames.co.uk For more information call (01939) 260308.

The awards will be presented after the AGM of Oswestry & District Sports Council on May 16 at Oswestry Cricket Club.

At last year's awards evening, two new local heroes were inducted into the Oswestry Sporting Hall of Fame and four awards were presented to celebrate the achievements of local sportsmen across a wide range of sports.

Criftins Table Tennis Club won the junior team award for their outstanding progress in the local league after playing together for only a short time, while the disability sport award went to Charles Fryer-Stevens for his spectacular success in wheelchair basketball, where he had been selected to play for the GB Junior Elite squad.

The award for outstanding achievement was presented to Mark Robinson for his inspiring at Oswestry Cricket Club.

Rotary in call for cyclists



Geeoff Barre and Peter Barkley look forward to the cycling challenge

CYCLISTS are being urged to take part in this year's Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club's mountain bike challenge.

This year's ride is the event's 21st anniversary and Rotarians are hoping for another bumper turnout of fundraisers.

The annual challenge will be on May 10, starting from Rhiwlas Village Hall.

Hundreds of competitors have taken part in the event in previous years with many taking on the 22-mile off road challenge.

A six-mile family trek also always proves popular with people of all ages.

Geoff Barre from the Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club said: "We are confident the 21st anniversary ride will be the most successful yet."

"The annual event is run to raise money for the Air Ambulances based at Cosford and Welshpool and other rotary charities.

Entry forms are available from Stuart Barclay Cycles on Salop Road in Oswestry.



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Project to celebrate a famous hillside

A new project has been launched to celebrate the history of a village beauty spot.

Nesscliffe Hill has a fascinating past, from its ancient hill forts to the World War Two practice trenches and its most famous resident, Humphrey Kynaston.

Now the Nesscliffe Hills Heritage Project has been set up to help visitors understand more about its past.

A meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7pm at Little Ness village hall to explain more about the group and to attract more members.

The sandstone outcrop north of Shrewsbury was the 15th century home of Wild Humphrey Kynaston, often known as Shropshire's 'Robin Hood'.

He lived in the sandstone caves on the hill with his horse, Beelzebub.

Clive Dean, part of Shropshire Council's outdoor recreation team, said the Nesscliffe Hills Heritage Project was a community-inspired initiative.

"A number of local people interested in the area have come together to create a project aimed at giving visitors a better opportunity to understand and appreciate the enormous range of heritage features at Nesscliffe Country Park," he said.

Gorilla's journey to feature on tv show

THE unveiling of a huge gorilla sculpture in Oswestry by Prince Michael of Kent, is to feature in a TV documentary.

Channel 4 will feature the transportation of the giant sculpture from the British Ironworks Centre to Uri Geller's home on The Thames in London in a new series called "Transport Wars."

The Queen's cousin has agreed to fly by helicopter to the British Ironwork Centre along with celebrity Uri Geller for the unveiling of the 12 foot high gorilla later this month.

Mr Geller, a friend of the prince, has commissioned the company, based at Aston near Oswestry, to create the sculpture out of old spoons and iron.

Scrapped

Original plans for the RAF to fly the sculpture, suspended from a helicopter, have been scrapped due to health and safety issues but now the documentary will feature the load on its journey from Shropshire to London and will involve all the schools who have helped collect spoons.

The sculpture is now likely to remain on display at Oswestry before being taken to London where the celebrity will place the

by Graham Breeze

sculpture in the gardens of his luxury mansion which he opens to children suffering from illness as part of his charity work.

Bosses at the British Ironwork Centre say the unique project has rapidly gathered momentum since its inception and has attracted media interest and spoon donations from 23 countries around the world.

Clive Knowles from the firm said work has already started on the construction of a specially-designed helipad and a 100 metre area of red carpet for the Royal guest, who will be welcomed by huge flagpoles proudly flying the Union Jack and Royal Standard.

And he said a team of Shropshire seamstresses is working around the clock to create the largest Union Jack in the UK in which the gorilla will be draped for its official unveiling.

Men uniting for charity



Graeme Kirkham, Greg Draper and Martin Cap

MEN are uniting at the ground of Welsh champion football team, The New Saints, to raise awareness of Prostate Cancer with a mini, five a side world cup football match of local businesses.

The event, on June 15 - Father's Day - at The Venue in Oswestry, is being organised by Morgans of Oswestry and The New Saints Community Foundation.

A family fun day will be held around the five aside event, with teams of up to seven players, drawn from businesses in the area, playing group stages, quarter and semi finals before the final. The winners of the competition will be presented with the Soccerfest Charity Cup.

Mr Martin Cap, owner of Morgans of Oswestry, urged other businesses to put forward a team.

"We would like to invite local businesses to join us in helping to raise some much needed money for the Prostate Cancer UK cause," he said.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

IT'S A sad day when we hear that plans to extend the services offered by the brilliant Hope House Children's Hospice are being put on ice.

But that's the situation announced by the chief executive this week with the gloomy financial climate to blame.

The organisation relies heavily on private funding and the harsh reality is that people have been forced to tighten their belts and less charitable donations are being made.

It's a great shame that expansion plans for such a worthy cause are being put on hold. Anyone who has witnessed at first hand the remarkable work done by Hope House will know just how important it is for the organisation to continue growing.

Chief executive Andy Goldsmith said the hospice needs to raise £5million a year just to keep running, with only £1million of that coming from government and health board funding.

He said the charity, which cared for 650 families last year alone, will not be able to expand any further, despite the need for a young adult facility.

Raising £5million per year is a massive task for the organisation and you can not measure in monetary terms the value of Hope House to so many families at their times of greatest need.

For those opposing wind farms there was brilliant news this week from Conservative headquarters. In a vote-winning move the party has pledged that should they win power again on-shore wind farms will be a thing of the past.

Scrapping subsidies for wind-farms would remove the reason for their very existence as profit making businesses.

It was also announced that the Conservatives would pass powers to county councils over wind farm planning applications.

The sad thing is that it might all have come too late to save Mid Wales. Time will tell.

Spring has well and truly sprung as anyone who is a driver will know. Just where did all those tractors come from all of a sudden?

It doesn't seem to matter what time of day you travel, there is always a tractor somewhere up ahead holding everyone up.

Now no-one minds that. But what we do mind is them travelling in convoys of three or four, making it almost impossible to overtake. And we are also less than happy with the driver who is happy to sit right behind the slow moving vehicle with no intention of overtaking.

How did they pass their driving tests?



Fishing: Adam, at the age of nine, looking happy on an angling trip



An aerial view of Brinsford Young Offenders Institution at Featherstone



Adam, two months before his death

WORKING FOR YOU



Glyn Davies MP

FOR several years, Mid Wales had been threatened by a group of rapacious energy giants and an all-powerful, unaccountable National Grid.

They have been determined to build a new 400kv cable carried on 150 feet high steel towers from North Shropshire to mid-Montgomeryshire, enabling around 500 new wind turbines and 100 miles of new 132kv cables to go ahead.

The people of North Shropshire and Mid Wales have been living in the shadow of a huge black cloud. Some thought it pointless to resist such powerful enemies. But many of us decided to fight to the bitter end. Better to go down fighting than be bullied into submission. It's been a hard road to walk.

Last week we achieved our first big victory. The Conservative energy Minister, Michael Fallon, backed up by Prime Minister David Cameron, announced that if the Conservatives win power at the next General Election in a year's time, subsidies for new onshore wind farms will be abolished.

This would remove the principle reason for their existence. Onshore wind farms are a means for huge energy businesses to cream money from the bill paying public.

The Minister also announced his intention, were the Conservatives to win power in 2015, that in future local authorities would decide planning applications.

The abomination of local democracy, where local councillors refuse planning applications for wind farms, only for a planning inspector and minister to overrule on appeal would be no more. Power over what happens to rural Britain would be returned to the representatives of the people who live there.

Over the last few years I have spoken in the House of Commons asking for the Government to adopt this policy on onshore wind. All Government targets for onshore wind have been met. There is no need for any more. Enough is enough.

A few weeks ago I met David Cameron at a private meeting where we talked through the issue at length. He has delivered everything I wanted. It's now in

Lessons to learn from death of tragic Adam

Welcome for prison review from woman who adopted the suicide case youngster - David Banner reports

ADAM Rushton was just 20 years old when he hanged himself from the bars of his bunk bed in a notorious young offender institution.

He'd been in trouble with the police, on and off, for three or four years; his latest misdemeanour being the petty theft of a mobile phone.

Concerns mounted over his mental health, and after he was taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital for overnight observation, a psychiatric nurse warned the courts he would be a suicide risk if he was sent back to jail.

But magistrates were unmoved, and sentenced him to nine weeks of custody at Brinsford, near Wolverhampton.

Two days later, Adam Rushton took his own life.

The catalogue of administrative errors surrounding the case, which are now the subject of an independent, government-backed review, were investigated in by an uncompromising BBC documentary Death Behind Bars.

It revealed how the psychiatric report which would have set alarm bells ringing was not sent with Adam to the young offenders institution, and when it was eventually faxed across the next day, it went straight into his file without being read by any of the prison officers on the front line.

Staff who had earlier checked Adam's blood pressure also failed to notice the significance of scars left behind from self-harming, and they gave him his own cell - the very same place where another inmate had hanged himself just days earlier.



Annette Rushton with a picture of Adam, adopted at the age of seven

After a troubled childhood when he was abused and neglected, Adam was adopted at the age of seven by Welshpool couple David and Annette Rushton.

Annette, a well-known local figure who was awarded the MBE five years ago for her tireless and lengthy services to healthcare as matron of the Severn Hospice in Shrewsbury, has opened her heart to speak of her torment, sadness and regret at Adam's death, which happened back in 2009.

She told how, as a young boy, Adam was so timid in the first few weeks that he hid behind their sofa.

Gradually, he began to reveal snippets of his troubled childhood - how he stole milk from a neighbour's doorstep to feed his two younger brothers, during difficult times which cast a dark shadow over the rest of his tragically

short life.

"However we tried, if he saw something he really wanted or thought he needed, he would help himself," Annette revealed.

Adam left David and Annette's home at the age of 16 and ended up at a hostel in Newtown, where he began to smoke marijuana and use harder drugs.

Over the following four years, he was sent to young offender institutions no fewer than 10 times, and became well known by police.

Annette said: "There was no way you could say his sentences were undeserved, but he needed treatment, not prison."

That's why she welcomes the start of an independent review, headed by Lord Harris of Haringey, which is due to report its findings early next year.

"I remember when we went to visit

Adam in prison we looked around and there were hundreds of Adams - the same eyes, the same troubled souls. You could see half of them shouldn't have been in prison.

"We never gave up on him because we loved him so much. I always hoped Adam would change and I think he did too. He wanted to be good, have a job, get married and have a family.

"When we were given his personal effects there was an application form for Tesco among them."

The Brinsford institution, at Featherstone near Wolverhampton, which along with Stoke Heath near Market Drayton takes the majority of Shropshire and Mid Wales' young offenders, has been condemned by chief inspector of prisons, Nick Hardwick, as the worst he's seen in England and Wales in his four-year tenure.

He branded it a squalid and dangerous jail where inmates spent as little as 10 minutes outside of their cells in the day, saying: "This was a particularly dangerous prison."

A new governor has been appointed since the inspection.

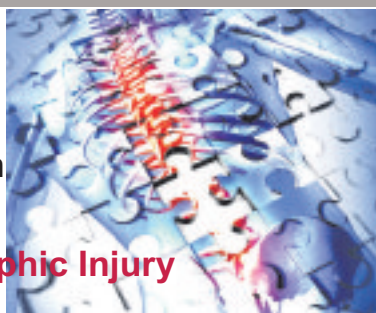

The charity Inquest, which monitors deaths in custody and assisted with the programme, has long been calling for a review into young deaths in prison.

Perhaps words will finally turn into actions on this occasion. But even if they do, it will all come far too late for Annette Rushton, who took a diploma in counselling when she left the Severn Hospice after 19 years as its matron.

She says: "I miss Adam every day. There is a huge hole in our lives now because he should still be here causing mayhem, but he isn't. It should never have happened."

"How many inquests have there been now for deaths in young offenders institutions? How many recommendations? But it is still happening."

"It feels like nobody really gives a damn, like nobody really cares."



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A: Once you marry your existing Will is automatically revoked, leaving you intestate. So if you wish your children to inherit everything on your death you will need to make a new Will. It is also worth considering that circumstances can change and you may want to ensure your new wife has some protection.

Including a Life Interest Trust in your Will would enable you to offer your new wife some security by giving her the right to receive the income generated by your cash assets and/or the right to live in your house during her lifetime whilst allowing you to control the ultimate destination of your capital assets. You can state the terms under which she can remain in the house - until she dies, or remarries - at which point the house will pass to your chosen beneficiaries i.e. your three sons.

By setting up a Life Interest Trust you can also effectively ring fence the funds and assets held within it and therefore prevent them from being taken into account for funding if your wife should require full time residential care following your death.

Further information relating to this question is available from Victoria Wilson, a Senior Solicitor with GHP Legal.

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Badger cull is not the answer

I really think it's time that Mr Mills, and his fellow officers and officials in the NFU reconsider their constant pre-occupation with badger control and used their undoubted influence to deal with the problem.

Scotland is officially bovine TB free by using cattle controls only. In Wales, they've reduced bovine TB by almost half in four years by being more rigorous on testing procedures and cattle movement controls.

In Southern Ireland, millions of euros have been spent over 10 years killing badgers and their bovine TB situation is virtually the same as Northern Ireland where there is no badger culling.

The problem emanates from a very poor testing system, which identifies healthy cattle as having bovine TB and leaves infected animals behind where, once they become heavily infected (anergic), they can remain undetected, but infect everything around them, until slaughtered for other reasons.

Then there is careless, thoughtless and occasionally illegal cattle movements which have consequences well beyond their local area.

There's the problem, Mr Mills, and you and your colleagues have the influence to address it both with your members and the wider farming community.

JIM ASHLEY,
Chairman,
Shropshire
Badger Group.

Be certain you can vote

ON May 22 European Parliamentary elections are taking place across the country.

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Gareth Halliwell
Electoral Commission

Belief in God is worth sharing

I WOULD like to respond to Hanny Mags letter, April 14, regarding the nature of religion and the perceived problem of those who 'ram' their faith down readers' 'throats' on this page.

She is right in saying that faiths have existed as long as there have been humans. But not simply because of the fear of death. All cultures have asked three (not one) questions. How did we get here? For atheists we are a very unlikely and improbable accident. Why are we here? Again for atheists there is no definitive answer apart possibly for survival. Thirdly there's Han-

ny's question about death. Where are we going? For the Atheist: Nowhere! I can't speak for other faiths but simply as a Christian, which I am.

Firstly, we say, we came into existence through the creative acts of a loving God. We believe we are here to learn to have faith in, and live like Jesus. Living a life of love, bringing help and healing to a world in need. And we believe in eternal life. Most importantly, we experience Christianity not as a religion but as a personal relationship with God.

As a teenager I was a wild profes-

sional rock musician but after 'dying' in a heart operation, I found a relationship with God through Christianity. So it's not just philosophy for me, but knowing God on a personal level.

I feel this is worth sharing, especially in a culture where so many people have lost a sense of purpose.

Like Hanny Mags I am horrified that there are people who use the name of God to commit acts of violence. Jesus said: 'Love your enemies.' For God is Love.

BOB PITCHER,
Oswestry

Turbine power is less than we need

IN response to Councillor Duncan Kerr the subject of pylons and electricity distribution systems crops up regularly.

I wish to point out most of these systems are connected to power stations or large-scale distribution networks carrying high levels of power.

The visual and financial cost could therefore be said to be worthwhile, whereas networks from Welsh wind farms would only carry an average of just under 25 per cent of plated power rating at best.

Turbines themselves only produce power for about 30 per cent of the time.

This, to me, seems to require an unnecessary financial burden and visual excrescence for little purpose.

In practice it seems a less obvious 33kV network on wooden poles, say, would suffice most of the time.

There are suggestions for running cables underground but the cost is phenomenal.

The maintenance levels are high, with a strong possibility of breakdowns considering there are huge electro-mechanical forces generated between cables at 400kV.

There are extra complications too in simply running these up to full capacity, as well as the greater disturbance to the land through which these would pass.

D H CHURCH,
Pant.

Politicians are scared of election

IT is plainly obvious that Labour, Tory and Lib Dems really could do without these coming European Elections, scared witless by what is going to happen.

So Mike Gapes MP thinks that people who vote for UKip are not decent people given by his comment that decent people won't. I find this both racist and offensive.

Stella Greasy MP, another career politician, blindly suggests that British workers would be unable to compete with foreign workers on a level playing field. What complete arrogance and balderdash!

Personally I have never found the British to be selfish.

Politicians stink!
ADRIAN WILLIAMS

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Evading TB checks makes no sense

I want to respond to letters stating that "farmers are flouting the law and moving livestock elsewhere to avoid being tested".

We have received a letter from the British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS) stating that our TB test is due. With it is a list of all our cattle registered with the BCMS and their ear tag numbers. The vet who carries out the test also receives the form and when he comes to test checks off each one so unless the vets are flouting the law too there is no way to avoid TB testing.

We buy our meat from the butcher and milk from the supermarket and have no more desire to consume produce from infected animals than anyone else.

DIANA HUMPHREYS,
Oswestry.

No date on village postcard image



There's no date to say when this postcard picture of Addison Walk, Gobowen, was taken, but we'll guess at the 1930s. Picture courtesy of Ray Farlow

EU's £15bn promise just a sweetener

IN Farming News you gave us news of a £15 billion cash pot over seven years.

I wonder how much of that huge sum of money will be aimed at the UK? I wonder how much of that will actually have to be match-funded by us direct?

This is, anyway, our own money being given back by the EU.

Handy that it sounds such a lot of money and just before the European election!

There is only one way out of this all-enveloping political trap and that is to leave the EU.

We should realise that the concerted attacks and mud-slinging against UKIP are all designed to frighten us away. Ignore them and support UKIP.

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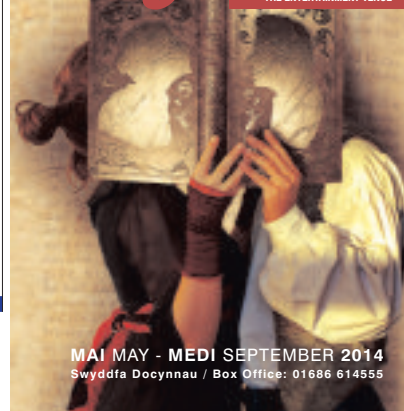
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Genius and songwriter's death

by Sue Austin

A COMPUTER genius who also happened to write one of the most popular hits of the sixties has died at home in Shropshire.

Stan Kelly-Bootle wrote the lyrics for Cilla Black's Liverpool Lullaby, better known as O You Are a Mucky Kid - but he was also an eminent mathematician and acknowledged as one of the founding fathers of computing.

He lived with his daughter Michelle Coxon in Albert Road, Oswestry, and had done so for about six years.

She said: "He was a true scouser. He loved Liverpool Football Club and when he came home from hospital just before he died we dressed him in his Liverpool scarf and hat. He was so pleased to be home."

"He made people smile with the things that he said."

His own self-penned epitaph was revealed by his son David on the day of his death: "Stan died. No flowers or tears".

Scouser

Mrs Coxon said: "We're not having a funeral. But we'll hold a wake in his memory in the summer."

Mr Kelly-Bootle, who died on April 16 aged 84, had lived most of his life in Liverpool.

A proud 'scouser' and lifelong Liverpool Football Club supporter, Mr Kelly-Bootle won a place at the grammar school and went on to take a first class degree in maths at Cambridge before, after spending two years in the Army, gaining a degree in numerical analysis and automatic computing in 1954 - the first post-graduate computing degree in the world.

He then worked for IBM in the United States and the UK, going on to specialise in computer coding for international companies.

But he was also a singer songwriter who, while at Cambridge University, had co-founded



Stan Kelly-Bootle wrote Cilla Black's "Liverpool Lullaby"



Stan Kelly-Bootle, computer guru and singer songwriter



The record cover of "Liverpool Lullaby"

the St Lawrence Folk Song Society.

As a folk singer-songwriter, he performed under the name Stan Kelly, recording his own music but also writing for others including the Dubliners.

His Liverpool Lullaby song was made famous by Cilla Black when she recorded it in 1969. The song is about a working-class mother struggling to bring up a child in the back streets of the city. The desperate mum warns her 'mucky kid' that unless he behaves, he will 'gerra belt from your dad' when he re-

turns from a night in the pub.

And last year it made headlines again when Miss Black performed the song on television as part of a celebration of her 50 years in show-business and changed that line to 'you'll get told off by your dad' to bring it up to date.

Alongside his songwriting, Mr Kelly-Bootle also wrote several books and magazine articles, including many serious computer textbooks and, with the late Fritz Spiegl, the series of Lern Yourself Scouse books.

Mr Kelly-Bootle was one of the most formi-

dable minds that Liverpool has produced.

A streetwise scouser from Wavertree he was hand-picked to take the first post-graduate computing degree anywhere in the world, and had a glittering career as a high-flying business executive.

Wearing his mathematician's hat, Stan Bootle was a direct link to the days of Alan Turing, the man credited with much of the basic thought processes behind modern computing.

He went on to work first for IBM and then for Sperry-Univac with one friend remember-

ing him reappearing in Liverpool in the 1960s with an open-top Porsche and all the aura of a pop star. Easy on a salary of £30,000 - and that was in 1964 prices.

"To talk to him in later life was to risk dismissing him as a compulsive name-dropper before the realisation grew that yes, he had known, befriended and worked with these people," said his daughter Mrs Coxon.

"Eventually he gave up the business career for a writing one, from serious computer textbooks to waspish commentaries."

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Bodytech Gearing Up For Spinning Success

Bodytech Health Clubs, Oswestry are gearing up to secure their place as Shropshire's Number One Spinning centre by making further additions to their already popular spin timetable.

The move will see Bodytech increase the number of Spin sessions at their Oswestry site to 15 classes a week. Introducing a number of unique styles of group cycling classes such as; Beginners and Easy spin for those who are lacking fitness or new to the sport, Pure Spin for the cycling purist, and Bodytech Spin - The chain's already well known and well-loved brand of spinning.

The club also has big plans to introduce 'Race Day Spin' in the near future. The class will utilise projectors and speakers to give participants the virtual

experience of taking part in the Tour de France.

Bodytech Managing Director Jeff Anderson said "Our plan is to make Bodytech Oswestry one of the best Spinning Centre in the country. Over the next 6 months we will be increasing the number of bikes we have on offer from 18 to 30 and adding even more classes to our timetable".

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New life plan for an empty townshop

A dilapidated shop in the centre of Oswestry could get a new lease of life, if it can be taken over by a social business in a £1 million plus move.

The former BeWise shop in Cross Street in Oswestry has been empty for over a decade.

Now the town's Project Group is drawing up a business plan for buying and taking over the building.

However the total cost could be almost £1.5 million and those behind the plan say they will have to apply for Heritage Lottery Funding for the dream to become a reality.

Help

The Project Group was set up to help people with mental health issues through art and crafts.

It is currently based in first floor studios in Cross Street with 60 members carrying out public and private commissions from sculptures to silk hangings, mosaics to mugs.

Jo Davies Project group coordinator told the annual Oswestry Town meeting: "We are up against quite a challenge if we get this building. Although it has an awful lot of potential it is damp throughout. We understand it could take £1 million to make it viable."

Fast police work earns praise from ex-mayor

POLICE officers arrested a burglary suspect just seven minutes after receiving a 999 call, it has been revealed.

The emergency call was made in the Oswestry area at 5.38am last Thursday by a resident saying they believed someone may still be in the house in Henley Drive. They then reported their car missing.

By Iain St John

Officers on patrol in the area were alerted and the car was quickly spotted and stopped in College Road. The driver was arrested at 5.45am on suspicion of burglary and taken into custody at Shrewsbury police station.

Police say the 38-year-old is also being questioned about other recent burglaries in the Oswestry area.

Brilliant

Former Oswestry borough and town mayor Heather Bickerton, who served on the town's police consultative committee for many years, paid tribute to the police's quick work.

She said: "I think this kind of work that the police do is brilliant."

"It is great to know that officers were able to deal with the situation so quickly and get somebody in custody. It should reassure the public that there are officers

around in Oswestry who are available to deal with these offences."

The quick police action yesterday morning was not the first time eagle-eyed officers in Oswestry have stopped suspected burglars in their tracks.

A late night police patrol disturbed suspected burglars in Oswestry in September last year.

The thieves, who broke into a house in Jemmett Close, were trying to steal a car parked outside the house.

They had taken the car keys from the kitchen and had been about to drive off in the Renault Megane. But then police believe they spotted officers on routine patrol and fled before being seen.

The car was found about 100 metres from the house with its engine still running.

Festival organisers drum up support



Osfest mascot Fox with Katy Scott

THE organisers of one of the county's biggest music festivals have been drumming up support for the event with a promotion day in Oswestry.

Osfest organisers took over the town's Festival Square as a taster for the event, which will be held in May.

Shoppers in the town centre were treated to live entertainment, invited to meet the festival's mascot Fox, and handed goodies as they passed by.

The event was held as a pre-show build up day to invite local people to support the music festival.

Last year the festival saw 5,000 people enjoy headline acts including JLS, The Enemy and Pigeon Detectives.

Among the acts taking to the stage this year will be big names including Union J and X Factor's Luke Friend, as well as local bands from Shropshire.

NEWS in brief

Pair facing trial after break-ins

TWO men have appeared in crown court to face charges of burgling Oswestry Golf Club and a computer business in Ellesmere.

Craig Lynas, 36, of Spring Meadow, Sutton Hill, Telford, and Travis Perkin, 19, of Hills Lane Drive, Madeley, Telford, appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court last Friday where they entered pleas to the charges.

The pair were granted unconditional bail and will face trial at Shrewsbury Crown Court later this year.

Perkin case was adjourned for pre-sentence reports.

Man in custody after burglary

A MAN has been remanded in custody charged with burgling a home while a woman and a two-year-old child were inside in bed.

Christopher Lee Price, of Woolston Bank, Maesbury, near Oswestry, is charged with stealing a Honda Civic, a bottle of prosecco, an Easter egg and a cooked chicken leg from a house in Oswestry on Thursday. He is also accused of stealing a rucksack and driving without a licence or insurance.

Telford magistrates declined jurisdiction in the case and Price will now appear at Shrewsbury Crown Court on May 19.

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Auction raising funds for gang

A Promise Auction is to be held at the Royal Oak Hotel on May 9 from 7pm in aid of the Get Going Gang, which runs a play scheme during summer holidays.

Among the lots being auctioned are: aeroplane flight for three over Welshpool; a family ticket for a stadium tour at Manchester United; a parachute jump experience; three-course meal for two plus wine at Royal Oak and a powerboat experience on the Solent.

There's also a signed Mike Tyson boxing glove; a weekend break in France; dining out in London; an autographed Emmerdale script and much more.

Parade date for town's new mayor

WELSHPOOL'S annual Mayor's Sunday Parade and presentation of community awards will take place on Sunday, June 1.

The parade will be led by the Newtown Youth Marching Band and will move off from Park Lane at 11am on the way to St Mary's Church for an 11am civic service. After the service the parade returns to the Town Hall.

In the Assembly Room, light refreshments will be available and the new mayor, Councillor Malcolm Douglass, will present this year's community awards.

Workmates raising cash for hospital cancer fund

by Graham Breeze

WORKMATES, friends and family members of Cambrian Training Company's marketing manager Katy Godsell and Barclays Bank have teamed up to raise £2,501 for the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

Seventy-six people, ranging in age from 87 to toddlers in a pram, took part in the successful Cambrian Charity 5k Run in Welshpool on April 13 to raise £1,501, to which Barclays Bank added £1,000 in match funding.

One mum completed the five kilometre route with her two young children in a pram, while other children accompanied their parents in the family event, which started and finished at Welshpool Fire Station and included parts of Powis Castle Estate Park and the canal towpath.

Card scheme to aid drivers

MOTORISTS in the Welshpool area are being urged to carry a new card containing potentially life-saving information in the event of an accident.

Powys County Council said it is launching a Yellow Triangle scheme which will see drivers carry a card in their vehicle with information on medical conditions, next of kin and allergies in case of an accident.

Councillor John Powell, cabinet member for highways, said: "This latest initiative will provide emergency services with vital information if a driver is involved in a collision. I urge all Powys drivers to take advantage of this worthwhile scheme."

To request a Yellow Triangle scheme pack, telephone (01597) 826979 or e-mail road.safety@powys.gov.uk

For more on road safety schemes, visit www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyPowys

Well fed

Cambrian Training Company's managing director Arwyn Watkins ensured that all those who completed the route were well fed at the end.

Delighted with the total raised for the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund, Katy thanked family members, friends and colleagues for volunteering and helping on the day and in the run up.

She also thanked staff at Welshpool Fire Station for their support, Barclays Bank, Eric Neville for supplying disposal cups, bowls and spoons for refreshments and Jess Stait for leading warm up exercises.

Katy, who works at Cambrian Training Company's Welshpool headquarters, has recently completed treatment for breast cancer.

Scrapped bikes rescued



Rachel Williams, 10, from Leighton, prepares her bike

BIKES rescued from the scrapheap are being used to support a fundraising event at a Welshpool school.

The Potters Group is supplying a selection of used bikes to support the event at Welshpool High School on Sunday.

Staff will have a selection of bikes recovered from their waste disposal sites on sale for spares or repair at The Big Bike Event, organised by the school's Parent Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) for school funds.

The Big Bike Event will provide opportunities to buy or sell a cycle or join in an organised ride on the canal towpath alongside the school.

A "bike doctor" will be on hand to carry out minor repairs and challenges and junior coaching will be offered by Hafren Cycles.

A car boot sale will also take place.

Reserve a spot by calling 01938 552014.

Town to host big Summer festival

WELSHPOOL is set for a fun filled and action packed series of events as part of the Welshpool Festival.

More than a dozen events along with offers from established tourist attractions are being lumped together under the umbrella of Welshpool Festival with something for everyone.

The May Bank Holiday weekend will kick things off with the annual carnival on May 26, and other headline events include a Woofathon on May 31 for dog lovers, the Powis Castle Half Marathon on June 1, the Welshpool Air Show and Transport Show on June 8, and the newly created Welshpool Walking Weekend on June 14/15.

There's also other big favourites like the Welshpool Music Festival on May 25 and the popular Waterloofest on the same day, the annual Help For Heroes charity event and the Country & Western weekend.

"The idea is to promote events, not only our own, to provide a special period, particularly when it is often fairly quiet in this period," said Town Clerk Robert Robinson.

"The Council is running the Air Show, Walking Weekend and Carnival and others groups are organising various events."

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Brush up for driving test at town's library

Bomber to wow crowds

by Graham Breeze

LEARNER drivers in the Welshpool area wanting to brush up on their theory knowledge can do so thanks to a new library service, the county council has announced.

Powys County Council's Library Service can provide free access to Theory Test Pro to library members who need help with their driving theory before taking the test.

Theory Test Pro is a realistic, online simulation of the UK's driving theory and contains the official practice test questions, hazard perception video clips and an online version of the Highway Code. All this material is licenced from the Driving Standards Agency (DSA), the people who set the tests.

Councillor Graham Brown, Cabinet Member for Libraries, said: "For those starting their journey as learner drivers, this service is ideal as it can be accessed on the public library computers or from home.

"The great thing about the tests is how realistic they are and they have up-to-date questions and the software looks exactly like it is in the test. Once you have joined your local library, members will be able to use it at home by registering with their library barcode, this means you could practice 24/7.

"It's free to join your local library and you'll save money when you access Theory Test Pro."

Anne Jones from NPTC Group (which was formed after the merger of Neath Port Talbot College and Coleg Powys), said: "Anyone getting ready for driving lessons should find this facility extremely useful."

For more information visit your local library or visit www.powys.gov.uk/libraries



The Vulcan Bomber at last year's show

THE Vulcan Bomber that wowed crowds at last year's Welshpool Air Show will be back again this year.

Following last year's overwhelming success, the Bob Jones Memorial Air Show 2014 has been catapulted onto the national radar for flight fans after thousands

packed the airfield on the edge of town. And with the event linking up with the Welshpool Transport Festival, it has been confirmed that the Vulcan will again be one of the stars of the show which will also see a display by the World famous RAF Red Arrows team on June 8.



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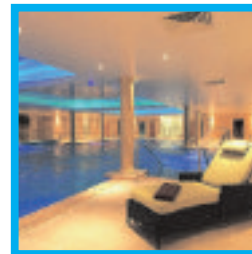
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in brief

Plea after owl goes missing

AN eight-month-old barn owl has gone missing from its owner's home in Oswestry.

Diamond flew the nest when she went out of the window on Monday. Her young owner, six-year-old Aidan Crow, is distraught.

He has reared the barn owl from a tiny chick and is able to hand feed it.

His mother, Kerrie-Jo Crow now fears that Diamond won't survive in the wild.

The owl, which stands more than a foot tall and has a white head, is very used to humans.

Anyone who sees the owl should call the family on 07966 449583.

Macmillan group treasure event

OSWESTRY Macmillan Cancer Support group will be holding a treasure hunt around the town on May 11.

The hunt will start from the Methodist Church in Castle Street and will cost £3 for adults and £1 for children to include refreshments and a map.

Maps can be collected between 1.30pm and 4pm, and all are welcome to take part.

For more information contact Margery James on (01691) 650334.

The group will be holding a street collection on June 7 in aid of the charity.

Landing a new job had huge impact on Ruth's life

WHEN Ruth Tyrrell took on a new role promoting a healthy lifestyle to staff at Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital she never imagined the impact it would have on her own life.

But as she started to take part in the healthy lifestyle programme she had drawn up she discovered she had high blood pressure and needed to look after her own health.

Shocked by the revelation, she threw herself into the programme and lost four stones, in the process also reducing her blood pressure.

Ruth, who is originally from Liverpool and has one daughter who attends Moreton Hall School near Oswestry, is the associate director of human resources and organisational development at the hospital trust in Gobowen.

The 48-year-old said: "My work involves developing long term strategies to ensure we continue to attract staff to work at the hospital and to ensure that they are developed and trained, so they feel supported to do their jobs.

Health

"A key part of the role is to promote health and wellbeing of staff, and we have developed a strong programme to assist staff to develop healthier lifestyles and manage common problems such as bad backs and stress quickly before they become worse.

"In fact, it was because of one of our health events that I identified a problem with my own high blood pressure.

"As a result, I have embraced the healthy lifestyle message myself. The blood pressure is normal now and I have lost four stones in the process."

Throughout her career Ruth has worked for the NHS, but said she always wanted to work in human resources so that she could be working with people.

She said: "I started out in the NHS as a

WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE

with Pam Kingsley



general management trainee, but I was always interested in personnel as it was called then, so I qualified as a member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and went onto gain a masters degree whilst working within the NHS.

"I love the variety of work within Human Resources; some days you can be negotiating with trade unions or delivering training, while on others it involves interviewing for a consultant post or researching ideas for a strategy.

"Most of all the enjoyment comes from giving the public the service they deserve. I am proud of working for the NHS, and in particular at the orthopaedic hospital, where the staff truly aim deliver outstanding patient care, every day to every patient."

As well as the varied work within human resources, Ruth has a seat on the trust board responsible for workforce. She is also involved in outreach to the public.



New job prompted healthy lifestyle for Ruth Tyrrell

Science studies on offer at school

ASPIRING medics, vets, dentists and biological science students can sign up for a science training programme taking place at a school in Oswestry this summer.

Moreton Hall, near Oswestry, will be running the course during August for strong scientists who will have just completed their AS Levels in biology and chemistry, and who are planning to apply for highly competitive university places as they start their last year of A Levels.

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"The course is laboratory based, giving students hands-on experience of techniques in biomedical science beyond the A Level syllabus," said course co-ordinator, Dr David Kelly.

"With access to our high level biomedical science equipment at Moreton Hall and the Keele University Medical School, this course offers insight into academic research which would normally only be available to undergraduate degree students."

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Farmers get offer to travel the globe

YOUNG farmers in Mid Wales are being urged to travel the world and learn more about agriculture in other countries.

The NFU Cymru said it is making up to £2,500 available to young farmers to help them travel across the world to see how farmers operate in other countries.

Jonathan Wilkinson, Montgomeryshire NFU Cymru county chairman, said the grant scheme was a great way to help young people broaden their horizons.

The money is handed out through the Gareth Raw Rees Memorial Scholarship, which is named in honour of the former Ceredigion farmer and chairman of the NFU Cymru education committee.

Mr Wilkinson said the fund is looking for applicants considering travelling in the UK, Europe or further afield.

"If you are under 30 and would like financial assistance with your travels then you can contact NFU Cymru for an application form even if you have already received support from another scholarship or fund."

For an application form or if you require more information about the scheme, call (01982) 554200 or visit: www.nfu-cymru.org.uk/news

Award winning author to visit town book shop

by Pam Kingsley

AN award winning author, who was shortlisted for the 2013 Man Booker Award, will be paying a visit to Oswestry next week.

Jim Crace will be talking about *Harvest*, the shortlisted novel, at Booka in Church Street, Oswestry, next Thursday.

The evening is the latest in a string of author events to be held at the bookshop.

Tim Morris, owner of the shop, said: "We're delighted that Jim Crace is coming to Oswestry. He doesn't do masses of events and he's a highly regarded and respected award winning author."

Tories against council merge

SHROPSHIRE'S two councils should not merge at any time in the future, according to leading Conservatives in the county.

Shropshire Council leader Councillor Keith Barrow and Telford & Wrekin Council's Tory leader Councillor Andrew Eade have held discussions about how the councils can work closer together.

But both today expressed a "strong desire" not to see the councils merge at any time "for reasons of local representation and local democracy".

The Tory leaders said there should be a greater sharing of local services and facilities between both authorities to provide additional savings and better services - but that it should fall short of a merger.

Councillor Barrow said: "With two unitary councils covering Shropshire it makes complete sense to share a greater range of working practices, services and facilities than is currently the case."

"He has said *Harvest* will be his last novel but whether that will be the case or not I expect will be the subject of questions from the public. He will give a talk and then answer some questions, and then he'll do a book signing."

"It's good to be able to get him to come to Oswestry and he'd proving very popular - we've only got a handful of tickets left for the evening."

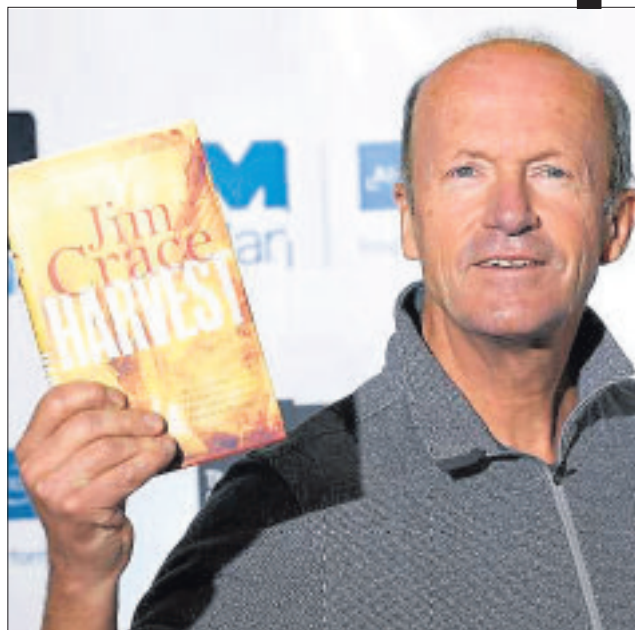
The event will take place at 7pm for 7.30pm start and tickets cost £8, with £5 redeemable against a book purchase. Refreshments will be provided.

Mr Morris said the author events are always popular in the shop.

"Since the Oswestry Literary Festival in March we've had three or four author talks and it's an important part of what we do," he said. "They're always well supported and attended. You can't beat actually hearing the author speak first hand about their influences and characters and what inspires them."

Tickets should be booked in advance at the shop, by calling (01691) 662244 or through www.bookabookshop.co.uk

Anyone who is unable to attend the event but would like a signed and dedicated copy of *Harvest* can contact Booka to arrange.



Jim Crace will be talking about *Harvest*, the shortlisted novel, at Booka

NEWS in brief

Council backing street booze ban

PLANS for an alcohol ban in Welshpool town centre have been backed by civic leaders and could be introduced by the summer.

Members of Welshpool Town Council and county councillors supported the plans at the town council meeting last week.

An application will now be sent to Powys County Council and, if approved, would see alcohol banned from the streets in the town centre and in areas like the leisure centre and railway station.

It would not affect drinking outside pubs, but would stop people drinking in identified hotspots.

Centre planning screening chance

SCANS for risk of osteoporosis are being made available on Monday, May 12 at in the new Leisure Centre in Oswestry.

The centre will host sessions from 9am-12noon.

Scans for risk of future osteoporotic fracture in post-menopausal women are not always readily available on the NHS but you can now have a scan for £22.

Anyone interested in gaining further information about the sessions and to book an appointment should call Healthcare Screening on 0845 224 6784.

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NEWS
in briefThrills and spills
at clowning show

YOUNGSTERS were in a spin when a touring clown company called in to show off their skills.

The Sandow Clowns All Laughter Show was staged in Ellesmere Town Hall and featured juggling, stilt walking and general clowning around.

And members of the audience got in on the act when they tried their hands at some circus skills.

The theatre group, which has been touring the country for more than 25 years, has raised money for the charity CLIC Sargent.

The charity provides care for children with cancer and support for families at home and in hospital.

Art exhibition on
at Chirk Castle

A GROUP of artists will be exhibiting their work in the stunning surroundings of Chirk Castle later this month.

Members of Oswestry & District Society of Artists have been invited to submit work for the exhibition, which will be staged in the squash court near to the ticket office.

Admission will be free and the exhibition will run from May 24 to June 1 from 10.30am to 4.30pm each day. Society chairman John Parkinson said: "Every year the exhibition attracts favourable comments from visitors."

Falklands boy refused life-changing surgery

By Pam Kingsley

THE family of a six-year-old boy who was due to travel to Oswestry from the Falklands for a life-changing operation are fuming after being told the funding for his treatment has been withdrawn.

Kailand Ford was born with quadriplegic cerebral palsy, which means he can only walk on his toes and cannot straighten out his arms.

He had been due to make the 15,000-mile round trip from his home in the Falklands to receive an operation at Oswestry's orthopaedic hospital on Tuesday, which would have

allowed him to live a normal life.

But last week his family were told the NHS had declined to fund the procedure.

His grandmother Margaret Armstrong said: "Kailand will be doomed to spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair if he does not get this operation."

"He needs a selective dorsal rhizotomy (SDR). This is a rare procedure and only two hospitals in the UK provide it."

"Until April 15, his operation on April 29 at Oswestry was assured. His family had booked their flights. His mother and father had taken six months off from work. Accommodation in Oswestry had been hired. A school place had been secured for Kailand's older sister, Kia."

"Then just a week before Kailand and his parents were to fly to the UK, Midlands NHS chose to decline to fund this operation. This decision goes against the reciprocal agreement between the Falklands and the NHS."

Tim Fernandez, spokesman for NHS England, said: "We understand how difficult this is and sympathise with the family who feel they may benefit from this treatment. However the current evidence base does not yet demonstrate sufficient effectiveness for its routine use."

Lessons for budding chefs

BUDDING chefs are being invited to try new recipes guaranteed to tickle the tastebuds at a series of themed workshops being held over the next month by an Oswestry cookshop.

Upstairs Downstairs in Leg Street, Oswestry, will host the sessions, which take place in a specially built teaching kitchen in the back of the shop.

On Tuesday the lessons focused on gluten-free cooking, with recipes including toasted cumin flatbread, chicken and chorizo jambalaya and caramelised pineapple.

Wednesday was a culinary trip to the Mediterranean with Spanish tapas, Italian risotto and French tarte tatin on the menu. This lesson will be repeated on May 14. For people interested in learning more Italian recipes there will be a lesson on The Taste of Italy on May 7, and Spanish tapas will feature in their own lesson on May 13.



Kailand receives treatment from Sarah Jarvis during a previous visit to Oswestry

Designers compete for textile honours

A PRESTIGIOUS competition aimed at the best young textile designers in the county has been launched.

The Shrewsbury Drapers' competition, which attracts entrants from across the county, has a total prize fund of more than £1,000.

Chairman of the judging panel will be guild member Howard Franklin. He will be joined by judges Nicki Williams, a graduate of Loughborough and Nicola Haigh, who has been a teacher of textile design for more than 30 years and is a graduate in fashion and textiles from Manchester.

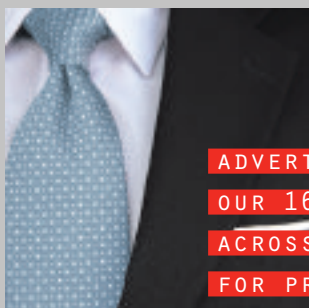
Mr Franklin said he was delighted they had agreed to judge the competition, which this year has the theme Arabian Nights.

The competition entries will be exhibited at St Mary's Church, St Mary's Street, Shrewsbury, from Wednesday September 24 until October 2. The exhibition will be open to the public and entry is free. The awards will be presented on Tuesday, September 23.

Application forms and guidelines are available from David Tudor on 01743 358467, email dudor@btinternet.com or visit www.shrewsburydrapers.org.uk/textilecompetition

Closing date for entries is June 30.

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Top class musicians are lined up for festival



The Werther Ensemble will be at Whittington International Chamber Music Festival

TOP class musicians will be arriving next week to perform at Whittington International Chamber Music Festival.

Organisers of the annual festival have said they plan to build on the success of last year's event, which was the first music festival to be held in the village.

The four day event, from May 6 to 9, will be celebrating the chamber music of Franz Schubert, performed by the Werther Ensemble, comprised of members of the international Leondari Ensemble.

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Festival artistic director James Barralet, said: "Our first festival was an enormous success as 17 international musicians played all of Brahms' chamber works over 10 days.

"Five of those same musicians will be returning with five friends of equal international calibre to give us Schubert. Plus we will have a unique lunchtime concert of exciting improvisation.

"In a short life with little concert hall exposure, Franz Schubert demonstrated that great music belongs as much to the private home as to the

great courtly theatres.

"We will recreate that intimacy in four wonderful concerts, mostly in the delightfully informal surroundings of Whittington Church."

Musicians from London's famous Wigmore Hall will work with students from Derwen College. The Ignite Ensemble is making its first professional excursion outside London and will work with the students for two days.

They will create a piece of music inspired by imagery of locally-born poet Wilfred Owen and then perform a WW1 Centenary lunchtime concert.



Whittington Castle



The Siege of Whittington Castle

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Dateline: 1195

Background: Richard I remains hostage at the hands of Leopold of Austria, whilst a huge ransom is raised across England and Normandy. John, his brother, has been seizing more and more of the power in England, backed by Philip the King of France, much to the chagrin of nobles still loyal to his brother. Fighting broke out between forces claiming Richard would return, and a pro-John faction claiming that he had died and John was the rightful king.

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Defenders/Garrison: a relatively small force of Knights, archers and men-at-arms fighting on behalf of John, Relief Forces- John loyalists marching from other garrison towns along the Welsh marches to the relief of the garrison.

Besiegers: A force of troops raised by a small cadre of returned Crusader knights horrified to learn that England has been seized by the 'lesser brother'.

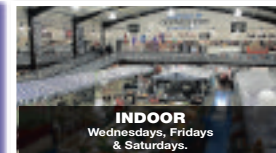
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NEWS
in briefCrusher warning
for mini bikers

OWNERS could see their mini "monkey" motorbikes go in the crusher if they continue to ride them illegally on the roads and in public places.

Police say they have had several reports in the Oswestry area recently involving the small 50cc off-road motorbikes. They have pledged to look out for the machines being ridden illegally, and warned the machines can be seized from repeat offenders.

Two teenagers were warned recently after riding the bikes on Shelf Bank in the centre of Oswestry. Others have been spoken to for riding on roads and pavements in the town.

Residents force
bike race change

THE route of a cycle road race which attracts thousands of riders has been changed because of complaints about disruption for residents.

Organisers of the 2014 Etape Cymru cycle race, which starts in Bangor on Dee and passes close to the Shropshire border, have changed parts of the 88-mile course following objections.

Race organisers met with people concerned about the impact of the race on daily life. The changes will come into effect when the race is next held in September.

Firms urged to cash in on World Heritage Site

By Iain St John

BUSINESSES on the Shropshire/Welsh border are being urged to cash in on the opportunities provided by the World Heritage Site which sits on their doorstep.

Clwyd South Assembly Member Ken Skates says companies in his constituency should make the most of a grant scheme aimed at boosting tourism in the area.

The plea comes after Mr Skates attended a public meeting held to encourage firms based in and around the World Heritage Site to come up with ideas to grow the local economy.

The Llangollen Canal and its famous aqueducts at Chirk and Pontcysyllte was awarded the prestigious World Heritage Site status by Unesco four years ago.

Mr Skates said: "Thousands of visitors come to the World Heritage Site every year, but most don't stay in the area or spend much of their money here.

"Wrexham Council's business team has grant funding available for companies and social enterprises that are looking to develop tourism-related activities.

"They can offer up to £5,000, which could be a great help to anyone with a great idea but who is struggling with the finance to develop it."

The grants are awarded on a match-funding basis, meaning the organisation would need to be willing to invest the same amount it is requesting from the council.

Mr Skates added: "The project covers more than 20 council wards, the vast majority of which are in Clwyd South and include Bronington; Brymbo; Cefn Mawr; the Ceiriog Valley; Chirk; Coedpoeth; Minera; Overton; Penycae and Ruabon."

No other bones have been found.

Mystery over skull goes on

The mystery surrounding a human skull found in woodland near Oswestry has deepened after police have revealed it may have been taken to the area from elsewhere.

Five months after it was found, officers say they are no nearer unravelling the history of the skull, despite intensive forensic examination.

Shocked members of a pheasant shoot made the macabre discovery on Sweeney Mountain in November.

West Mercia Police spokesman Richard Ewels said: "Carbon dating on the skull has proved inconclusive. Further scientific tests are now being carried out to help determine its age but there is no guarantee of being able to establish a precise date."

He added: "The skull is thought to be that of an adult male and may have been brought to this location from elsewhere."

Browse the stalls and the web



Oswestry mayor Chris Schofield promoting the free wifi

SHOPPERS at Oswestry market can now log onto the internet while they browse around the stalls or enjoy some food and a drink.

Free wifi has been introduced at the Powis Hall indoor market on the Bailey Head in Oswestry.

It means traders can also enjoy access to the internet which in the past has cost £1 a day to use.

The service was launched yesterday by the mayor, Councillor Chris Schofield.

New signs have been put up to point shoppers to the free Wifi area.

Oswestry Town Council, which runs the market, held a meeting with traders at which stallholders said that the £1 charge was deterring both traders and customers from using it.

Councillor Schofield said: "Many places now offer free wifi, it is something shoppers have come to expect."

The Powis Hall indoor market is open Wednesdays, Friday and Saturdays.

Region's poppy appeal tops £3m

MORE than £350,000 has been raised for this year's Poppy Appeal in the county, delighted organisers have revealed.

The money has been collected in Shropshire through people buying poppies ahead of last year's Remembrance Sunday and donations made by supporters.

The fundraising effort in the county has helped push the Poppy Appeal's collection in the West Midlands over the £3 million mark for the third year in a row.

Officials behind the appeal said there were still five months left for donations to come in before the year's appeal ends in September.

Claire Rowcliffe, interim head of regional fundraising at the Royal British Legion, said she was amazed by the support of people across the region.

She said: "We are thrilled at the generosity of people in the West Midlands.

"It's a great achievement to say we have broken the £3 million target for the last three years and even more poignant this year as we commemorate 100 years since Britain entered the First World War.

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granite worktops, dining room with exposed beams, sitting room, lounge with fireplace and log burner, and a good-sized study.

Upstairs, a large landing/study area leads to four bedrooms, two with en-suite facilities, and a family bathroom.

The property stands in half an acre of landscaped gardens which include a large fish pond, raised seating area, vegetable plot,

greenhouse and a patio off the entrance hall. There is ample parking, a double garage currently used as a workshop, and a chicken shed with pen.

The agents have set a guide price of £380,000 and recommend an early viewing. Call Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit www.townandcountryoswestry.com to find out more.



Delightful country residence with pasture and woodland

A charming three-bedroom detached house in a lovely rural spot is on the market for £389,950. Oakfields Farm at Dudleston Heath, near Ellesmere, includes about three acres of land, a two-bay Dutch barn, wood store, workshop, two reception rooms, double glazing, garage and enclosed gardens. The land is split into one acre of woodland and two acres of pasture fields. Viewings are highly recommended by Woodhead Estates, who can be contacted on 01691 680044.



Grade II listed terraced home packed with period character

A deceptively spacious Grade II listed terrace in the popular village of Morda, about a mile from Oswestry town centre, is new on the market.

With a host of original features as well as gas-fired central heating, the property in Beaconsfield Terrace includes a living room, lounge, kitchen/dining room, two bedrooms, bathroom and a rear yard.

Bowen Son & Watson have set a guide price of £104,995 and recommend early viewing. Call them on 01691 652367 for more details.

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The property is priced at £239,950. Contact Halls on 01691 779045 to arrange a viewing.



Family home with big garden in desirable area

On the market with JJ Dell, Tetherdown, Morda Close, is an attractive family home with a large garden in a sought-after part of Oswestry.

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Well-presented property in tranquil cul-de-sac

A well presented four-bedroom detached home in a cul-de-sac on the outskirts of Morda, about one mile from Oswestry town centre, is new on the market at £195,000. The property in Milars Field has open views towards the Welsh border to the front and includes an entrance hall, cloakroom, dining room, lounge, kitchen, utility, four bedrooms (master en-suite) and family bathroom. There is also a good-sized private rear garden, integral garage, ample off road parking, gas central heating and double glazing. Contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 to arrange a viewing.



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- Lounge/diner, fitted kitchen and utility
- Two bedrooms, attic room, four piece bathroom
- Oil-fired central heating and double glazing
- Attached garage. Views over open countryside
- EPC Rating = 59 (D)

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1 Ardmillan Close, Oswestry

£158,000

- Detached House with single garage
- Corner plot. Gas C/H, D/Glazed
- With scope for modernisation
- Two receptions, kitchen, sun room
- Three bedrooms and family bathroom
- Energy efficiency rating = 53

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Whiteholme, Brynhafof Road
Oswestry

£289,000

- Spacious period detached town house
- 3 Receptions, open plan kitchen/diner, cloaks
- 4 Double bedrooms, en-suite, Fam bathroom
- Gas-fired central heating, double glazed
- Enclosed rear garden, ample parking & garage
- Well located for the town centre. EPC Rating = 44 (E)

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Brwynog, Llanfihangel
Nr Llanfyllin

£249,950

- Rurally located three bedroom detached cottage
- With stunning extensive views over adjoining countryside
- Two reception rooms with solid fuel stoves
- Enclosed garden offering lawns and orchard
- Wealth of internal exposed timberwork, Oil-Fired C/H
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3 Bed Det Bung, Gas C/H, Garden, FTE, No Pets. (EER=58).....	£695 pcm (£795 deposit)
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3 Bed Det Bung, Gas C/H, Garden, FTE, No Pets. (EER=60).....	£520 pcm (£620 deposit)
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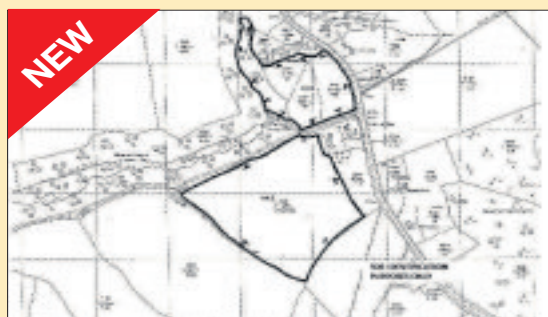
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Offers in Region of £194,950

Belle Vue, Morda



S.S.T.C



●●WITH LARGE L SHAPED CONSERVATORY●● Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to market this most comfortably appointed three bedroom semi detached family house which briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Large L Shaped Conservatory, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, PVC Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway providing extensive parking provision and Rear Garden. For Sale with NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING D.

Offers in Region of £129,995



Llanarmon Rd, Glyn Ceriog

2 bedroom character semi detached cottage: Entrance Lobby, Living Room, Inner Lobby, Sitting Room, Inner Hall, Ground Floor WC, Kitchen, Two Generous Bedrooms, Bathroom, Majority Electric Heating, Garden. No Chain. EPC RATING G.

Offers Over £89,950



Dove Court

4 bedroom detached family house: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Study, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, Master Bedroom En-suite, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired CH and Double Glazing, Driveway, Garage, Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING B.

Asking Price £285,000



Halton, Chirk

3 bedroom detached bungalow: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Timber Sun Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, PVC DG where stated, Oil Fired CH, Driveway and Double Garage. Early Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING D.

Offers in Region of £329,995



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●●UNDER CONSTRUCTION - EXCLUSIVE BRAND NEW DEVELOPMENT OF JUST 4 EXECUTIVE DETACHED HOMES●● Agents Note: The photographs show Plot 3 (5 Bedroom) which is now Sold. 5 bedroom detached house with Driveway, Garage and Gardens.

Asking Price £425,000



Crogen, Chirk

3 bedroom semi detached family home: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Contemporary Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Conservatory, Bathroom, PVC DG, Gas Fired CH, Driveway, Garage, Gardens. Early Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £137,500



Crogen, Chirk

2 bedroom semi detached house which would be an ideal first time buyer or investment opportunity: Entrance Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Porch, First Floor Landing, Shower Room, Double Glazing, Driveway, Garage, Gardens. Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £102,000



Froncysyllte, Llangollen

3 bedroom detached bungalow: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Bathroom, Oil Fired CH, PVC Double Glazing, Generous Gardens and Garage. No Onward Chain. Early Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers Over £150,000



Offa, Chirk

3 bedroom semi detached family house to the market which briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Shower Room, Double Glazing, Recently Re-Fitted Gas CH system, Driveway, Garage and Gardens. No Chain. AWAITING EPC.

Offers in Region of £124,995



West Felton

4 bedroom detached dormer bungalow: Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Ground Floor Bedroom Ensuite, Lounge with feature fireplace, Conservatory, Dining Room, Study/Bedroom 4, Utility, Kitchen Family Room, Bathroom, Oil Fired CH, Double Glazing, Driveway, Garage and Gardens. NO CHAIN. EPC Rating D

Offers in Region of £344,950



S.S.T.C

Old Mapsis Way, Morda

Modern 3 bedroom detached: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Newly Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Master Bed Ensuite, 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway, Garage, Gardens. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £184,950



S.S.T.C

Regents Court, Oswestry

●●FOR SALE WITH NO ONWARD CHAIN●● First floor retirement apartment conveniently placed for local town centre amenities with an on site house manager, lift, communal areas and resident parking. Further service charges will apply. Viewing fully recommended. EPC RATING C.

Offers in Region of £89,950



S.S.T.C

Holly Grange, Rhoswiel

4 bedroom detached family house with Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Width Driveway, Double Garage and Neatly Landscaped Gardens. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING D.

Offers in Region of £245,000



S.S.T.C

St Martins Road, Gobowen

3 bed semi detached comprising: Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Lounge, Dining Room, Walk in Pantry, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway, Garage and Attractive Gardens. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £145,000



S.S.T.C

Balmoral Cres, Oswestry

4/5 bedroom detached: Cloakroom, Bedroom 5, Lounge/Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility, Master Bedroom, 3 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, Majority PVC DG, Driveway, Gardens. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING F.

Offers in Region of £189,950



S.S.T.C

Oak Drive, Oswestry

3 bedroom mature semi detached family house to the market which briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Side Porch, First Floor Landing, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gardens to Front, Side and Rear, Driveway and Garage. No Chain. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £167,000



S.S.T.C

Great Ness, Shrewsbury

3 double bedroom detached bungalow which has been tastefully improved by the current owners to provide flexible well planned accommodation. Situated in a conservation area this property needs to be viewed to fully appreciate the excellent accommodation on offer. EPC Rating D.

Offers in Region of £294,500



S.S.T.C

Pool Quay, Welshpool

Tastefully refurbished character two bedroom cottage with full planning permission for a two storey extension set in approximately 1.5 acres or thereabouts. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £249,500



S.S.T.C

Llanarmon Rd, Glyn Ceriog

A most deceptively spacious 3 double bedroom semi detached character cottage enjoying a pleasant edge of village location with generous elevated rear garden which enjoys most delightful roof top views over the village and hillsides beyond. VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED. EPC RATING F.

Offers in Region of £157,950

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- Bathroom
- Road Links to Shrewsbury, Wrexham

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OSWESTRY



- One Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Gas Central Heating
- uPVC Double Glazing
- Lounge/Kitchen Area
- Bathroom
- Road Links to Shrewsbury, Wrexham and Chester

Offers in the region of £66,950

OSWESTRY



- Ideal First Time Buyer or Property Investment
- Two Bedroom End of Terrace House
- Well Decorated and Maintained Throughout
- Electric Storage Heating

Offers in the region of £109,950

WHITTINGTON ROAD, OSWESTRY



- Mid Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Edge of Town Location
- Gas Central Heating
- Modern Kitchen
- Lawned Rear Garden

£114,999

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- OPEN DAY 10TH MAY
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- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms and Study
- Three Reception Rooms
- Garage. EPC D.
- Extensive Gardens
- Rural Location
- With Countryside Views

Offers in the region of £355,000

OSWESTRY



- Charming Terraced Property
- Well Maintained
- EPC D
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing

£117,500

CHIRK



- A Spacious Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Conservatory
- uPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Driveway & Garage

£125,000

OSWESTRY



- Detached Family Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory. EPC D.
- Corner Plot Position
- Gas Central Heating
- Gas Fired Central Heating

£149,750

FOXEN MANOR, FOUR CROSSES



- Extended Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Sitting Room
- Ground Floor WC
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Family Bathroom

£164,950

FOUR CROSSES



- Cottage Close To Canal
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Original Features. EPC F
- Overlooks Fields

Realistic offers considered £125,000

MORDA



- Modern Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- NO CHAIN!!! EPC D.

£235,000

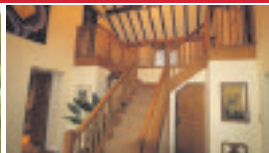
MORDA



- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms. EPC D.
- Views Over Fields To front
- Good Sized Conservatory
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Gas C/h & Upvc D/g

£239,950

LLANSANTFFRAID



- Barn Conversion
- Double Garage/Workshop
- Four Bedrooms
- 2 En-suites plus Bathroom
- Full of Character
- Rural Setting

£380,000

LLANGEDWYN



- Idyllic Country Cottage
- Beautiful Views Across Countryside
- Open

£299,950

MORDA



- Fruit Bushes and Trees
- Vegetable Plot
- Pond

PARK HALL



- Three Bedroom Detached Property in Countryside Location
- Views of Fields
- Large Single Garage with Electrically Operated Door
- Parking For A Number Of Vehicles

£239,950

OSWESTRY



- Modern End Mews House
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom
- Ideal F.T.B./ Investment

£114,950

GLYN CEIRIOG



- Three Storey Terrace
- Many Original Features
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Double Glazing, EPC F

£115,000

FOUR CROSSES



- End Terrace Property
- Edge Of Village Location
- Off Road Parking
- Bedroom

£65,000

OSWESTRY



- Detached Family House
- Four Bedrooms. EPC C
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- En Suite, Cloaks & Utility

Offers in the region of £182,500

OSWESTRY



- First Floor Maisonette
- One Bedroom
- Economy 7 Electric Heating
- Rear Garden. EPC D.

£72,500

OSWESTRY



- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Parking
- Edge of Town Location

Offers in the region of £149,950



TOWN & COUNTRY

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OC3897

Gertrude Cottage, St Martins
Price: £159,950

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A most charming cottage dating back to the early 1900's situated on an edge of village location with views of open countryside. Offering characterful accommodation and undergone a scheme of updating this family home must be viewed to be appreciated. Countryside walks, village amenities and commuter links are all nearby. Warmed by has fired Central heating. EPC Rating E.



OC3884

Jasmine Gardens, Oswestry
Price: £165,000

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A detached three bedroom family home situated in a pleasant and popular residential area within Oswestry. With open countryside and town amenities available within a few minutes walk this property is available for sale with NO CHAIN and must be viewed to be appreciated.

- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms,
- Garage, Garden Store
- Gardens, Parking, DG & CH
- Current EPC Rating C



OC3894

Oswestry Road, Whittington
Price: £229,950

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This detached 1930's bungalow retains much original character which is complemented by contemporary interiors, decor and fittings. This property is located within this most sought after and popular village and is within easy walk of amenities and bus stop. The bungalow sits centrally in its plot and benefits from a detached garage, double glazing and gas fired central heating (new heating system recently fitted) Current EPC Rating E.



Laburnum House, Argoed, Kinnerley
Price: £350,000

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This immaculate converted barn is situated in a most sought after rural location down a quiet lane offering character and charm in each room.

- Reception Hall, Office,
- Superb Lounge, Kitchen
- Utility Room, Cloakroom
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Two Further Double Bedrooms
- Garage, Workshop, Parking
- Current EPC Rating D



Plas Newydd Close, Oswestry
Price: £195,000

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A deceptively spacious FOUR BEDROOM house WITH ANNEXE. This semi detached property is 'more than what meets the eye' and only viewing this property will the accommodation be appreciated. The property is warmed by gas fired central heating, benefits from double glazing.

- Kitchen, Lounge
- Conservatory
- Four Bedrooms
- Garden, Garage
- Annex



OC3793

Cefn Glaniwrch Cottage, Llanrhaeadr
Price: Offers in Region of £219,950

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This three bedroom detached cottage is situated down a quiet country lane close to the village of Llanrhaeadr and only 11 miles from Oswestry. This cottage offers characterful accommodation which dates back to 1850 (or thereabouts) with original features in each room.

- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, Dining Room
- Bedroom One Ensuite
- Two further Beds
- Gardens, Parking



Taranaki, Four Crosses
Price: £419,995

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This individual detached four bedroom family home offers spacious accommodation and 3/4 acre grounds. Located down a quiet lane within a popular village.

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Bedroom Annex
- Double Garage & Parking
- Quiet Country Lane
- Open Countryside Views
- Current EPC Rating D



Pen-y-boncyn, Penybontfawr
Price: £274,950

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A detached country cottage situated in a truly idyllic rural location. Secluded but not isolated this family home is set in beautiful gardens extending to approx 3/4 of an acre.

- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Countryside Views
- Garage / Workshop
- Parking
- Dating Back To 1800s
- Current EPC Rating E



Honeypot House, West Felton
Price: £249,950

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An immaculate three bedroom semi detached barn conversion situated in a sleepy backwater position within the village of West Felton. This barn conversion fuses newly created contemporary interiors with traditional features including exposed roof trusses and circular window.

- Two Reception Rooms
- Contemporary kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- UPVC double glazing
- Current EPC Rating E



Glas Coed, Pontfadog
Price: £249,950

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This beautifully presented three bedroom cottage bungalow has the most wonderful views across the Ceiriog Valley. Located in the picturesque village of Pantfadog which provides a post office, local shops and a river running through.

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gardens, Parking & Garage
- Current EPC Rating E



Llanforda Rise, Oswestry
Price: £239,950

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This detached bungalow is situated in a most sought after location within Oswestry Town within walking distance to the amenities and a regular bus service passing the door. The property requires some modernisation but does benefit from oil fired central heating and partial UPVC double glazing. Current EPC Rating F.



Colliery Road, St Martins
Price: £249,950

[Contact Oswestry](#)

An immaculate four bedroom detached property situated in a village location within a short walk from a Nature Reserve and excellent village amenities. Built in 2000 this property offers spacious accommodation with individual design characteristics.

- WC, Kitchen Dining Room
- Utility Room, Lounge
- Master Bedroom Suite
- Three Further Bedrooms
- Bathroom with roll top bath,
- Parking, Garage, Gardens
- Current EPC Rating C



View Cottage, Llanymynech
Price: £270,000

[Contact Oswestry](#)

This cottage benefits from magnificent views over the English/Welsh borderland to The Breidden Hills and across to the Shropshire Plain. Nestled on the side on Llanymynech Hill this property is a walkers dream with many routes and trails across unspoilt countryside, Offas Dyke or Montgomery Canal.

- 3 Double Bed Cottage
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Sits In Approx 0.65 Of An Acre
- Current EPC Rating E



Wern, Nr Selattyn
Price: £325,000

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A lovely executive detached family home situated in semi rural location with open countryside views to the front and rear elevations. This spacious family home is warmed by oil fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing. Current EPC Rating C

- Immaculate Accommodation
- Four Double Beds
- Double Garage
- Three Reception Rooms



The Slades, West Felton
Price: Offers over £799,950

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A unique four bedroom detached equestrian family home with three bedroom detached bungalow/annexe set in excess of 9 acres and featuring a range of useful outbuildings, stabling, workshops, garaging and barn.

- Country Lane Position
- Range Of Outbuildings
- Set In Excess Of 9 Acres
- Current EPC Rating D



Tedsmore Road, West Felton
Price: £499,950

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Situated in a most sought after rural location this spacious detached property must be viewed to be appreciated. The property has been extended and now provides two living quarters.

- 5 Bedroom
- Superb Kitchen Family Room
- Dating Back to Late 1800s
- Substantial Property
- Views To All Elevations
- Current EPC Rating E



Tynycelyn, Cefn Canol
Price: £439,950

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This four bedroom detached family home is situated in a pleasant rural location only a 10 minute drive from Oswestry Town. Immaculate Accommodation which must be viewed.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- Stands In 1.6 Acres
- Superb Open Countryside Views
- Oil Central Heating
- Ample Parking
- Current EPC Rating E



Lime Grove, Oswestry
Price: £114,995

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This family home offers spacious accommodation which has been updated by the current owners. The property is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing.

- Dining Kitchen, Lounge
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Enclosed Garden
- Workshop, Parking Spaces
- Current EPC Rating D

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Beresford Gardens Oswestry £179,995

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- Fully fitted Kitchen, first floor there is access to the balcony
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- 2 parking spaces, ornamental lawn & enclosed rear garden
- Gas C/H and part timber double glazing. EPC Rating

NEW



York Street Oswestry £116,995

- Deceptively spacious & well presented Mid-Terrace Property
- Lounge leading into Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Rear Hallway, Ground Floor WC, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Good size rear garden. Storage Shed/Utility.
- uPVC double glazing & Gas C/H. EPC Rating

NEW



Old St Martins Rd Gobowen £94,500

- Spacious and comfortable End-of-Terrace House
- Sitting Room, Kitchen
- Family Bathroom, Two Excellent Bedrooms
- Enclosed lawned garden to the rear
- Double glazing, gas fired central heating
- EPC Rating E

NEW



Wingate Way Park Hall £35,000

- A new build 3 bedroom semi-detached property available on a Help to Buy Shared Ownership basis with shares ranging from 25 - 75%.
- Constructed by Meres & Mosses Housing Association this excellent family home has been built to Code 4 standards
- Entrance Hall, WC, Fully fitted Kitchen, Lounge/Dining room
- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom. Large garden & off road parking
- Gas C/H and photo voltaic solar panel system. EPC Rating 'B'

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Milars Field Morda £195,000

- A well presented 4 Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Situated in private cul-de-sac location
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- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Dining Rm, Lounge, Kitchen and Utility
- 4 Bedrooms (master en-suite) and Family Bathroom
- Externally the property has a ample off road parking
- Gas central heating & double glazing. EPC Rating C



Offas Close Treflach £370,000

- Spacious 5 bedroom family home in an elevated position with views
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Lounge, Large open plan Kitchen/Dining/Family rm
- Utility/Shower Rm, Games Rm (could be used as a ground floor bed/annex)
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- Large graveled driveway, uPVC D/G & Oil C/H. EPC Rating C

NEW



St Martins £132,000

- Deceptively spacious Semi-Detached Cottage
- Stands in large landscaped gardens
- Extensive views over open countryside
- Porch, Kitchen, Dining Room, Lounge, Sun Room
- Shower/Utility Rm, 2 Bedrooms, Bathrm & Attic Room
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- Gas fired central heating, EPC Rating E

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Hampton Rise Oswestry £275,000

- Well appointed and spacious Detached Family Home
- Situated within a quiet position & sits in a large corner plot
- Large Ent Hall, Cloaks, Dining Room, Study
- Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility
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- Double garage, off-road parking.
- Gas C/H & timber D/G throughout. EPC Rating



Greystones Way Oswestry £189,995

- An immaculately presented 3 Bedroom Detached Property
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory
- Kitchen, Utility, Cloaks, 3 Bedrooms & Family Bathrm
- A good size tarmac driveway and single garage
- Ample off-road parking/generous landscaped gardens
- Gas C/H and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating D



Cabin Lane Oswestry £160,000

- A well located and comfortably appointed Detached House
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Sitting Room, Separate Dining Room
- Kitchen, Utility Room, 3 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- En-Suite Shower Room, Gas C/H, single garage
- Ample parking space to the fore
- Large lawned garden to the rear
- EPC Rating D



Potential Building Plot Gobowen £55,000

- A potential building plot situated within the village of Gobowen.
- A pre-application to Shropshire Council has been made, who have indicated that the proposed development would be acceptable
- The site currently extends to approximately 205 square metres, measuring 18 metres x 11 metres average across the plot.



Meadowbrook Crt Gobowen £107,500

- A well appointed 2 Bedroom Leasehold Bungalow
- Ent Hall, Lounge/Dining Rm, Kitchen, Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom & Wet Room Shower
- Large integral garage. Courtyard garden to rear
- Surrounded by communal gardens. EPC Rating D



Celyn House Weston Rhyn £315,000

- Substantial Detached 5 Bedroom Property in a generous plot
- The property is believed to date from circa 1900
- 3 Reception Rooms, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Cellar
- Ground Floor Bathroom, 5 Bedrooms (2 en-suite) & Family Bathroom
- Mature and well maintained gardens with ample off-road parking
- Oil central heating and hardwood double glazing. EPC Rating



Coopers Field St Martins £114,995

- Well presented Mid-Terrace Property
- Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility
- 3 Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Good size low maintenance gardens
- Separate rear access point
- D/G & Gas C/H. EPC Rating C



Heritage Way Llanymynech £119,995

- An End Terrace Property on a corner plot
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Lounge
- Conservatory, 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Good size private rear garden with patio
- 2 designated parking spaces & vegetable garden
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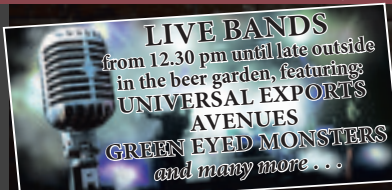
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Reward offered for using real nappies

NEW parents in Mid Wales are being encouraged to use "real" cloth nappies on their baby in a bid to help recycling rates.

Powys County Council said it was hoping more and more parents would use the nappies as disposable ones can take up to 500 years to bio-degrade.

The council said it was backing the Recycle for Wales Real Nappy Week campaign which is running until May 4.

The council is offering incentives of up to £100 cashback to parents who purchase real nappies.

For more information and an application form, contact the council.

Busy week for town ramblers

OSWESTRY Ramblers have three walks planned for this week to explore some of the countryside north of Oswestry.

Today (Thursday), there will be a moderate six mile walk from Acrefair to Ruabon Mountain. Meet at Gatacre Car Park, Oswestry, for 10am departure.

On Sunday an 11-mile moderate walk will head from Glyn Ceiriog.

And a second walk will leave the same car park an hour later for a 6.5 mile walk from Glyndyrdwy up the Nant-y-Pandy Valley with some steep ascents.

Scots girl went all weak at the knees for Oswestry man

HERE it is, as promised . . . the story behind how an Oswestry man's knees won the heart of a Scottish girl.

That Englishman was David Jones, who will be known to many folk in the area as coal merchant "Davy Jones the Coal", and is still going strong at the age of 92, living at a care home at Gobowen.

She was Frances Rogers, who became his wife.

Let's hand over to their daughter, Mrs Christine Hughes of Whittington.

"When dad was called up during the war, about 1940, he did his basic training and was sent into the Gordon Highlanders. He hasn't any Scottish roots at all," she said.

"He continued his training in Inverary and from there was sent to Maryhill Barracks in Glasgow.

"He made some very good friends. They called him 'the English Taffy' or 'The Boy' because he had very young looks.

"Mum was a foreman in a munitions factory. During the war all the entertainment in Glasgow - and my mum used to talk about this - was 24 hours, because there were 24-hour shifts.

"She would come off the night shift, go home, have her tea, get changed and go out dancing. That's where

by Toby Neal

she met Dad. It was in a dance hall in the middle of Glasgow.

"When the soldiers went out in the evening they had to wear their kilts. My mum always said she fell for my dad's knees - she said he had the nicest knees. She said he was 'a lovely wee lad'.

"He kept that kilt until it became moth-eaten. I remember seeing it as a child."

Christine thinks her parents married in 1941 before he went away to war.

As Christine explained last week, her mother supported Rangers, while her dad supported their great Glasgow rivals, Celtic.

Next week we'll conclude with Mr Jones's war experiences, his time as an Oswestry coal merchant, and how he ran Oswestry Celtic football team.



The coal merchant's yard where "Davy Jones the Coal" was based in Oswestry

Week-long crackdown on rogue traders

A WEEK-long crackdown on rogue traders has taken place in Mid Wales.

Dyfed-Powys Police said it spent a week pulling over taxis and work vans to check them out, while also visiting people in isolated communities to offer advice on how to deal with dodgy workmen.

The force said it was part of a drive to eradicate doorstep crime across the region.

The force, which covers towns such as Welshpool, Newtown and Llanfair Caereinion, said police officers teamed up with representatives from Trading Standards to go out on the beat.

Chief Inspector Ross Evans, said: "Rogue traders and pushy doorstep sellers are people who prey on the most vulnerable people within society, conning them out of vast sums of money which in many cases are their life savings, for unnecessary and overpriced work, often to the detriment of the victim's health.

"During the week roads policing officers carried out patrols and vehicle checks across the region, stopping taxis and other vehicles such as those seen to be carrying scrap or waste, checking the authenticity of the load, together with the roadworthiness of vehicles and the licences of drivers.

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NEWS
in briefMock siege at
medieval castle

MORE than 100 re-enactors will be taking part in a mock siege at a medieval castle at the weekend.

The event will be held at Whittington Castle, near Oswestry, on May 3 until May 5.

Castle manager Sue Ellis said: "Sadly this may be the last year re-enactors will be at Whittington. It may be that they have to look for a bigger venue."

Refreshments will be available on site.

It costs £3 for adults and £1 for children. Activities start at 10am and will continue until 4pm, with the possibility of an extension pending interest.

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Artists work on
show at castle

ARTISTS are preparing for a Spring exhibition in the prestigious setting of Chirk Castle.

The show, organised by Oswestry and District Society of Artists, members of which have been invited to submit a total of eight paintings, will be held in the squash courts of Chirk Castle, near the ticket office.

The exhibition opens on Saturday, May 24th and runs from 10.30am to 4.30pm each day until Sunday, June 1. For more information call Carol James on: 01691 657987.

New homes plan will go ahead despite objections

by Iain St John

PLANS to build four homes near a village pub are set to go ahead despite concerns from residents and parish councillors.

Kinnerley Parish Council has objected to the plans for the homes at the Cross Keys Inn in the village.

And 25 residents have also objected to the plans, councillors will be told at a meeting next week.

But Shropshire Council planning officers say the plans are acceptable as long as certain conditions are met.

They have recommended to councillors meeting for the council's north planning committee on Tuesday that approval should be given.

A report from planners says the plans will retain the pub and will also bring about a new access for vehicles and alterations to the existing pub car park arrangements.

The planners' report says although the parish council "strongly supports" the retention of the pub as an important community facility in the centre of the village it had various reservations about the homes proposal.

The parish council says the pub site was not identified as a suitable area for development under the Kinnerley Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

In its objection letter the parish council adds: "The pub occupies a key and prominent location in the centre of Kinnerley and faces the village green and adjacent church.

Among the public's objections are worries about the impact the homes will have on a nearby Grade II listed historic church.

The north planning meeting will be held at Shrewsbury's Shirehall on May 6, starting at 2pm.

May Fair at Memorial Hall

A May Day fair which organisers say will showcase a fabulous array of handmade items from local artists, makers and producers is being held at Oswestry Memorial Hall on Saturday.

The event has been organised by Wendy Unwin of The Gates Gift Shop and Trish Brunt of Candy Designs, both in Oswestry.

They say that the purpose of the fair is to promote local talent and to encourage people to spend their money locally rather than elsewhere.

Mrs Brunt said: "We need to support local artisans and to remind people that many goods can be bought from local independent craftspeople."

"The products available for purchase are very diverse, from ornaments, to bread and even locally made dog food."

Doors open at 11am and stay open until 3pm.

Geoff snaps up a new role



Geoff Armitage (left) and Alan Cockram

A FORMER photographer from Gobowen has been elected as the new president of a thriving Oswestry organisation.

Geoff Armitage has been named as the new president of Oswestry 41 Club.

He was voted into office at the club's annual meeting at The Sweeney Hall Hotel and was handed with his regalia by outgoing president Alan Cockram of Morda.

Mr Armitage told members that one of his missions during his year of office was for the Oswestry club to re-capture the ethos of Round Table.

The 41 Club is also known as the past members club of Round Table, as it is for those that had to retire at 40. The Oswestry membership now stands at 14.

The newly elected club secretary is Ray Nixon of Morda, while Dave Thomas was returned as the treasurer and Steve Theobald as the club's sports officer.

Barbara opening her new garden

IT has been a year long labour of love to create a new garden, and now Barbara Molesworth is to show off her handy work to her fellow villagers.

Barbara Molesworth opened the garden of her old home in Whittington for decades to raise money for the Save the Children Charity.

When she moved from her home in Daisy Lane into her new house next door she vowed to carry on the tradition.

On Sunday, she will hold an open event at Garden Croft for the children's charity.

Mrs Molesworth has teamed up with another resident, Philip Crowe, who is opening his garden in Alder Lea, Babbinswood, on the same day.

"There will be a plant sale at both homes with plants available at modest prices," Mrs Molesworth said.

It was her late husband, former village head teacher, Doug Molesworth, who began the family's interest in Save the Children.

He encouraged his pupils to join in the fundraising with events at the school and the couple started opening their garden for the charity.

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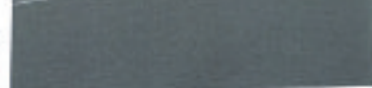
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Paterson in pledge over badger cull

The controversial badger cull in England has not been called off and will be rolled out across the country, including Shropshire, once a second round of pilot culls has gone ahead, according to Environment Secretary Owen Paterson.

The North Shropshire MP has pledged to continue the cull to bring the spread of bovine TB under control.

In an interview with the Shropshire Star, he spoke of his frustration at the delay to the roll-out of the cull, which he said was necessary to combat the "devastating" impact of TB on farmers. He said the number of new cases of TB was doubling every nine years and that more than 32,000 cows had been slaughtered across Britain last year alone.

It comes after the Government was accused of a U-turn earlier this year, when it decided not to extend the pilots to the rest of England.

The cull, which began last autumn, aimed to control the spread of bovine TB by killing at least 70 per cent of the badgers in pilot zones in west Somerset and west Gloucestershire. An independent expert panel appointed by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs showed that both areas failed to reach these targets and the Government decided not to roll out the culls.

But Mr Paterson said: "This is not a postponement, it is a delay."

"I feel bitterly disappointed that we can not go any faster with this. We are delaying so that we can learn from the lessons of the pilots and move forward. I want to see

"I know that the farmers in the TB affected areas of Ellesmere and all down the Shropshire Marches are upset that the culls have been delayed and I understand this."

VIP guests celebrate Rotarians' 85th year



Officers and guests pictured at the Rotary Club celebrations

A Shropshire rotary club has celebrated the 85th anniversary of the granting of its charter.

More than 90 members and guests of The Rotary Club of Oswestry gathered at town's Dining Rooms.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Oswestry, Councillor Chris Schofield and his wife Val and Professor Wagih El Masry and his wife Dr Bettina El Deeb were

By Iain St John

amongst the top-table party. Club President Stuart Phillips spoke of the challenge to all service organisations to adapt quickly to the changing needs of communities during a period of real economic difficulty in which recovery is likely to be both gradual and patchy.

Club spokesman Graham Moss said:



The Mayor and Mayoress with Stuart Phillips, Beryl Cotton and her husband Tony.

"The club received high praise for the breadth of its activities in the local community and internationally from Rotarian Beryl Cotton, assistant district governor representing Philip Horwood, district governor of Rotary's 1180 District.

"Mrs Cotton highlighted its very successful Tree of Light and LifeLine projects, its very lively and informative website and the club's growing mem-

bership, including Interact Clubs at Oswestry School and The Marches."

Principal speech of the evening was given by Professor El Masry who spoke of the challenges, both clinical and financial, facing the spinal cord injuries specialism in today's NHS.

The evening concluded with Mrs Cotton presenting special awards to long-serving members Cadfan Parry and John Neave.

NEWS in brief

Road schemes on funding list

THREE schemes in the county, including one in Oswestry, have been highlighted by the government as part of a package of infrastructure projects which could create thousands of jobs.

David Cameron and George Osborne flagged up £36 billion of infrastructure projects set to get up and running in 2014-15.

The Mile End Roundabout near Oswestry, which is intended to stand beside the new Oswestry Innovation Park on the junction of the A5 and A483, is listed along with alterations at the Preston Boats and Emstrey traffic islands on the A5 in Shrewsbury.

Help collect for Christian Aid week

CHRISTIAN Aid week will take place from May 10 to 17 with volunteers preparing to carry out street collections and a door-to-door collection.

In Oswestry the week will start on May 10 with a coffee morning and a bring and buy sale at 10 Oak Drive from 10am to noon.

On May 11 at 6.30pm there will be a service at Christ Church Oswestry. Collections will take place outside Sainsbury's and at the cross in Cross Street later in the week. Call Richard Beaman on (01691) 659166 to volunteer to help.

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THE ARTS

Countryside exhibitions on display



Yorkshire artist Steven Lingham, with his work, at the Oswestry Visitor and Exhibition Centre

TWO exhibitions looking at life in the countryside are currently on display at a gallery in Oswestry.

Prize winning wildlife artist Steve Lingham from Yorkshire is showing his latest work at the Oswestry Visitor Exhibition Centre until the end of May.

The artist says he uses specialist painting materials and equipment to achieves fine detail in animal fur, feathers and eyes.

Travelling the canals by narrowboat is a newfound joy to watercolour artist Sarah Gibbard. Her exhibition 'Waters Edge' reflects these wanderings in Wales.

Accordian at Eisteddfod

A musician will entertain crowds with the accordian when she performs at Llan-gollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

Latvian-born Ksenija Sidorova, 25, a former student of London's Royal Academy of Music, says she

by Sue Austin

wants to show audiences around the world the instrument's versatility. She says her £20,000 accordian is so delicate she buys a seat on the airplane so it can sit beside her when she travels.

Ksenija will be performing Karl Jenkins' Adiemus Colores alongside

acclaimed American tenor Noah Stewart and musicians such as Venezuelan trumpet player Pacho Flores and a host of others on July 9.

She said she was encouraged to play the accordian by her grandmother, although her mum also plays. She is involved in outreach work at primary schools with the support of the Worshipful Company of Musicians.



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Big night as girls go on stage at Oak Live

GIG GUIDE

with Edward Roberts

PAY a visit to The Royal Oak, Welshpool tomorrow (Friday) as there will be music from local singers Rose Cheney, Cathy Beech and Sonya Smith at Oak Live.

The trio of songstresses will be performing plenty of original material as well as a variety of covers of timeless classics. The gig starts at 9pm and is free entry.

Make sure you pay a visit to the Hermon, Oswestry on Saturday, as Merry Hell will be looking to set the place on fire with their unique brand of folk rock.

If you take the attitude of punk and combine it with the folk rock sensibilities of bands like Fairport Convention and Pentangle, you'd get something close to Merry Hell.

The eight-piece first came to attention of music fans with the release of their debut album 'Blink...And You Miss It'.

They soon followed this up with the excellent 'Head Full Of Magic, Shoes Full Of Rain', which showed a band that had really found it's rhythm.

This is one show you really don't want to miss, as they're sure to raise hell. It starts at 7:30pm with tickets costing £6.

If you happen to be a big blues fan



Cathy Beech is returning to Oak Live tomorrow night

then make sure you head over to the Lowfield Inn, Marton this Friday, as local blues guitarist Paul Wallis will be performing.

Armed with just his old Fender Stratocaster, Paul plays a diverse set of tracks, ranging from Mark Knopfler to Jimi Hendrix.

The gig starts at 8pm and is free entry.

The Whittington Chamber Music Festival is once again upon us, with this year's festival looking to build on last year's success.

The event which runs from May 6-9 will comprise of four concerts, with the first concert taking place at The Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry this Tuesday.

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WELSHPOOL LIVE-STOCK SALES
Welshpool Livestock Sales report on a lively auction at Buttington Cross Welshpool on Monday, April 28.

OTMS (43)
An entry of 43 over thirty month cattle realised an average of 121.05ppkg, and 130.08ppkg for the younger cows. A Limousin cow weighing 701kg from B Haynes, Moydog Uchaf, made £988.41. Therefore Mr Haynes receives the Briarwood Products LTD prize of £25 for highest priced OTM on the day. A Simmental OTM cow weighing 741kg from JAR Wilde, Goffa Farm, made £985.53. A Charolais younger cow from R Lewis, Tynpistyll, weighing 765kg made £1185.75. An under 48 months heifer from EO & JV Roberts, Cefn Coed, weighed 654kg made £1072.56.

PRIME HOGGETS (5184)
An entry of 5,184 prime hogget's averaged 202.34 pp/kg.
Super Lights (40) to 196pp/kg from T R Evans, C/O Maesmochant. Others to 161pp/kg from M V Wall, Emporium Cottage. Average of 189.43ppkg Lights (230) to 203pp/kg from L M Jones, Lawnt. Others to 199pp/kg from S J Smith, Penybryn. Average of 191.27pp/kg. Standards (843) to 226pp/kg from Evan Davies & Co, Red House. Others to 225pp/kg from FG & G Mountford, Middle Helder. Average of 194.06pp/kg. Mediums (2082) to 223pp/kg from A S Hopley, Kingsleigh Farm & P J Phillips, Lower Treverward. Others

to 221pp/kg from Lythwood sheep LTD. Average of 211.08pp/kg. Heavies (1414) to 209pp/kg from I E & M Gittins & Son, Lower Ucheldre & Lythwood sheep LTD. Others to 208pp/kg from I E & M Gittins, Lower Ucheldre. Average of 197pp/kg. Over Weights (369) to 185pp/kg from JR RM JP Andrew, Bronheulog & MC Davies, Lower Brynellen & MR Lewis, Penpistyll. Others to 184pp/kg from JR RM JP Andrew, Bronheulog & JD Evans, Llwynysguborwen. Average of 169pp/kg.

PRIME LAMBS (812)
An entry of 377 prime lambs averaged 251.08pp/kg. Lights (17) to 266pp/kg from E S Morgan & Co, Bryndu. Others to 263pp/kg from E S Morgan, Bryndu. Average of 264.59pp/kg. Standards (248) to 281pp/kg from ECP Jones, Manor Farm. Others to 272pp/kg from DS & GM Pryce & Son, Coedmawr. Average of 250.15pp/kg. Mediums (533) to 293pp/kg from I & J Evans, Llwyn Hywel Farm. Others to 287pp/kg from J A Williams, Llechwedd-ddryrs. Average of 251.13pp/kg. Heavies (9) to 252pp/kg from CJ & ME Williams, Mynysarn. Others to 233pp/kg from RE & EA Jones, Cletterwood. Average of 225.75pp/kg. Over Weights (1) to 188.68pp/kg from E L Andrew, Trevern Cottage. Average of £188/68

CULL EWE (2522)
An entry of 2,522 culls resulted in averages for the

ewes of £58.38 and £83.58 for the rams. The ewes topped at £134 from R D Thomas, Neuadd Lwyd. A pen of two cull ewes from C Crowther, East Dudston made £116. Topping the rams was a single from GM & TNL Bennett, Tynnyant, made £125. A pen of six cull rams from GL JS & A Howells, Shadog Farm, made £119. Weekly sale of cull sheep to follow immediately after the sale of prime lambs at approx 12 noon.

STORE LAMBS
Store Lambs: An entry of 39 store lambs this week achieving an average price of £41.25 seeing a more difficult trade reflecting the end of the season approaching and the type of lambs on offer. Top price was gained by P P Price and Son, Llanshay for Texel cross mixed and top lambs. Couples: Seeing an entry of 356 ewes together with lambs at foot this week. Highlight of the day was 1 Texel Hogg with a single lamb at foot which made £192, or £96 per life coming from W J R Young, Cwm Farm. 6 Mule Hogs presented by A J Owen, Cwmbyr came to £174 or £86/ life. Two and Three year old mule ewes with twin lambs at foot from J F Morgan and Son, Plas sold to £185 or £61.60 a life. As found Mules with twins at foot sold to £122 or £40.60 a life presented by Owen, Cwm Ffynnyon. Cade lambs: A reduced entry of cade lambs to 23 saw a very strong demand and trade averaging £13.60. Top price was achieved by G E Davies and Son

Bryndulas, selling to £30 for a top lamb. Sale of store lambs to commence from 10:30 am followed by couples, hogs and lambs, and to conclude with cade lambs.

COWS & CALVES
An entry of 23 cows and calves saw a top price of £1,760 achieved by I C & E A Jerman, Pigeon House, for a Limousin X 3rd calver with her Lim bull calf. Also from the same vendor was another Limousin X 3rd calver with her Lim bull calf making £1740. Also present were 4 in calf heifers from C L Edwards, Stych Farm, with a top price for a Blonde X in calf cow making £850. A breakdown of all prices are as follows £1,600-£1,800 4 lots, £1,400-£1,600 4 lots, £1,200-£1,400 9 lots, £1,200 10 lots.

Monday, April 21

OTMS (26)
An entry of 26 over thirty month cattle realised an average of 112.02ppkg, and 12ppkg for the younger cows. A South Devon cow weighing 790kg from Arwyn Groe, Coedtalog, made £1019.10. Therefore Mr Groe Jones receives the Briarwood Products LTD prize of £25 for highest priced OTM on the day. A Limousin OTM cow from Mrs E Owen & R M Morgans, Ceinaint, weighing 754kg made £934.96. A Limousin under 48 months heifer weighing 740kg from J L Morgans & Sons, Parc, made £1139.60.

FAT CATTLE (8)
An entry of 8 fat cattle averaged 224.71ppkg. A

Limousin heifer weighing 535kg presented JM & S Rowlands, Dolwen Farm, made 248ppkg. Therefore Messrs Rowlands receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25. From the same vendor was another Limousin Heifer weighing 546kg making 247ppkg. GW & BA Haynes, Trefnant Isaf, presented two Limousin Heifers weighing 505kg and 507kg which made 247ppkg and 246ppkg respectively.

PRIME HOGGETS (4587)
An entry of 4,587 prime hogget's averaged 208.32 pp/kg.
Super Lights (18) to 220pp/kg from E G & J R Evans, Cilgwyn Uchaf. Others to 202pp/kg from E S Morgan & Co, Bryndu. Average of 185.83ppkg Lights (440) to 213pp/kg from D P Scourfield. Others to 210pp/kg from W I Ellis, Talwrn. Average of 202.50pp/kg. Standards (775) to 216pp/kg from G A & M E Birchall & Son, Penlan & F G & G Mountford, Middle Helder. Others to 215pp/kg from T & D Jones, Dolwen. Average of 202.61pp/kg. Mediums (1986) to 228pp/kg from JR RM JP Andrew, Bronheulog. Others to 227pp/kg from JR RM JP Andrew, Bronheulog. Average of 210.87pp/kg. Over Weights (344) to 198pp/kg from G James & Sons, Penybanc. Others to 193pp/kg from R Owen, Brodawel. Average of 175pp/kg.

PRIME LAMBS (377)
An entry of 377 prime lambs averaged 250.21pp/kg. Lights (5) to 254pp/kg from JM & MG Oliver, Cilceydd Farm. Average of 253.97pp/kg. Standards (95) to 263pp/kg from J Corfield & Sons, Fairfield & JHH Jerman & Co, Wernddu. Others to 262pp/kg from DW & SM Roberts, The White House. Average of 254.20pp/kg. Mediums (274) to 265pp/kg from W Hughes & Son, Waen Farm. Others to 257pp/kg from RG & J L Peate, Cwmdrwr. Average of 249.40pp/kg. Heavies (3) to 217pp/kg from Mrs JV Williams, Craigdyon. Others to 215pp/kg from RB & JA Jones, Wernddu. Average of 215pp/kg.

OSWESTRY LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS.
April 23

FAT CATTLE: (81)
If you have cattle to sell please contact the auctioneer Jonathan Evans on 07971 002650 or the market office.
Young bulls (29) Overall Average 153.5p.
Light bulls (1) Selling to 100p (£445/head) from F P Gethin & Sons Gwer-nygo
Medium bulls (16) Average 152.5p (£768/head) selling to 200p from C F Jones Lower Cefn Penarth
Heavy Bulls (12) Average 157.5p (£990/head) selling to 192p from W R Jones Henfacha
Steers (14) Overall Average 166.5p.
Light Steers (2) Average

115.5p (£484/head) selling to 120p from B P Lewis Pentre Farm
Medium Steers (1) selling to 161p (£870/head) from B P Lewis Pentre Farm
Heavy Steers (11) Average 173p (£1057/head) selling to 196p from R A Evans & Son Ebnal Lodge
Heifers (38) Overall Average 189p
Medium Heifers (7) Average 204p (£931/head)
Selling to 248p from A M Jones Middle Farm
Heavy Heifers (31) Average 186.5p (£1048/head)
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FAT LAMBS: (103)
Standards to 200p average 196.5p Lights to 219p average 205p, Standards to 225p average 199p, Mediums to 225p average 208.5p, Heavy's to 218p average 201.5p, Others to 196p average 177p. Overall average 206p.

FAT HOGGETS: (3284)
Superlights to 200p average 196.5p Lights to 219p average 205p, Standards to 225p average 199p, Mediums to 225p average 208.5p, Heavy's to 218p average 201.5p, Others to 196p average 177p. Overall average 206p.

FAT EWES: (557)
A similar size of entry met with a slightly improved trade with stronger ewes in particular better sold. Overall average was £58 with a top price of £106.50 going to ewes from M & S Jones, Rhydcroesau. 33 rams averaged £70 with a top price of £106 going to a top from M & S Jones, Rhydcroesau.
Please Note : All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (50)

Not the quality of last week and consequently returns not so favourable, fewer buyers attending resulting in a generally easier trade. Friesians totally discounted. British Blue Bulls topping at £370 from Messrs Johnson Pengwern Hall £315 from Messrs Williams The Stocks £310 from Messrs Evans Forge Farm. Simmental Bulls to £360 from Messrs Lowe Plas Issa. Limousin Bulls to £238 & £235 from Messrs Rogers New Hall Farm £232 & £222 from Messrs Adams Beeches Farm. Limousin Heifers to £288 from Messrs Roberts Ty Issa £265 from Messrs Evans Maesmochant £230 from Messrs Owen Bonciau. British Blue Heifers to £268 from Messrs Davies Lower Fawnog. Saller Heifers to £225 from Messrs Jones Manor Farm.

U72 & CULL COWS: (30)
A seasonal entry forward and another very good trade, although slightly easier than last week. There was a shortage of continental cattle forward which impacted upon the average. Top price Cow 161p/kg, Heifer 157p/kg, Steer 163p/kg and Stock Bull 138p/kg
Cows
Limousin to 161p average 121.41p/kg
British Blue to 142p average 136.22p/kg
Friesian to 123p average 100.42p/kg
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By Graham Breeze

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The car feels safer than expected at speed, with a top of 104mph and 0-60mph in 12.5 seconds on the 1.5 test car.

The price means you can't possibly get the full SUV package and one of the area's where the Duster falls down is on safety, with only four airbags, and stability control only available as an option. You do get an engine immobiliser though.

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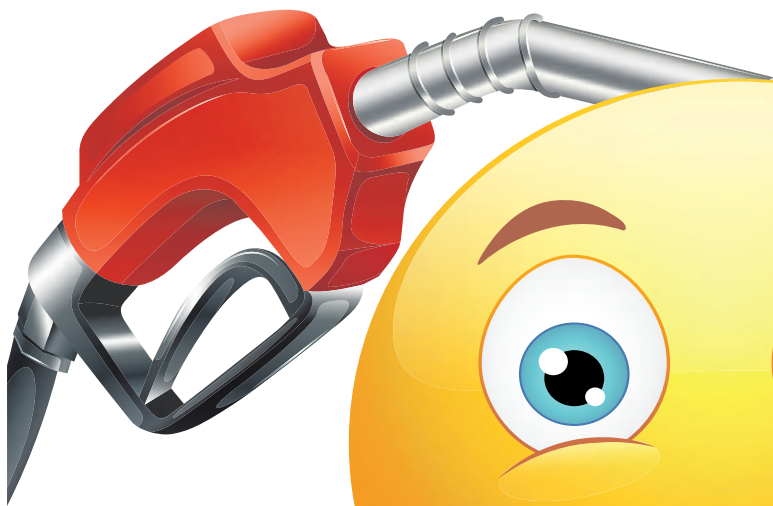
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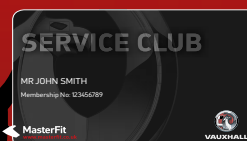
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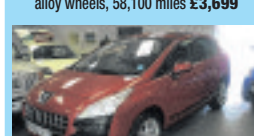
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Manager Simon Walker (centre) with his award winning Oswestry Boys Club team

Oswestry's Boys Club given A star from boss

OSWESTRY Boys Club football team had every reason to celebrate after crowning a champion season by winning the A League of the Shropshire Junior Football League.

Having only lost one league game all year, the Park Hall based club reached the semi-finals of the Charity Cup and have also booked their place in the finals of the Consolation Cup to be played in Shrewsbury.

Team manager Simon Walker said: "We have coped well with the trials and tribulations of adolescence which is one of the joys of under-16 football.

"Credit must go to the lads themselves, all of whom have attended every training session and demonstrated great dedication and determination in both playing matches and general team bonding."

Saints sink in Stone as fightback falls short

ST MARTINS ended a fluctuating season in the West Midlands League division one with a 4-1 loss at Stone Old Alleynians – but the final scoreline was harsh on the visitors.

After trailing 2-0 at the break, the Saints rallied to dominate the second period but were victims of some debatable decisions as they returned home empty handed.

Stone took the lead through Billy Thornley after the visitors had failed to clear and soon doubled the lead with a 20-yarder from Matt Thomas.

But St Martins were a different proposition in the second half, and looked to have reduced the arrears when Karl Bailey found the net following a free-kick only to see his effort ruled out for offside.

They were not to be denied, however, with a terrific flowing move that ended with Bailey finding the net for one of their best goals scored this season.

The visitors looked well placed to gain some reward from the game, but were undone by a key moment when a handball from a Stone player went unpunished, and it was the Saints who were harshly ruled to have handled moments later from a home raid.

From the resulting free kick, Stone made it 3-1 before Danny Herd completed the scoring.

Llanfair book final ticket after fine comeback win

CUP kings Llanfair United stayed in sight of lifting some silverware this season after seeing off higher ranked holders Guilsfield 2-1 at Berriew to reach the final of the Central Wales Cup.

After falling behind to Danny Barton's header, the Spar Mid Wales League title chasers hit back with Dan Jones levelling at the break from an Andrew Hughes corner before getting their noses in front just after half time when Paul Griffiths capitalised on a defensive slip when breaking clear to fire home.

Guilsfield finished strongly but were met by keeper Lee Andrew who was in superb form with a couple of terrific late saves as Llanfair held firm to book their ticket for the final.

They now meet the winners of the other semi-final between Berriew and Knighton Town, who meet next week as they look to lift the trophy for the first time. The final takes place on Wednesday, May 14, at Newtown's Latham Park.

Having cemented a seventh place finish in the Cymru Alliance, the Guils went into the tie in good spirits and took the lead on 26 minutes through the league's top scorer Barton who added another goal to his impressive tally.

Boost

But Llanfair turned it around in determined fashion, keeping their higher ranked rivals at arm's length with a well organised display.

It was a doubly good weekend for Llanfair whose title prospects in the Spar Mid Wales League division one were given a boost after leaders Llandrindod Wells lost 3-2 at Aberaeron.

It means they trail Llandod by one point, having played one game more, but Llanfair boss Rhys Stephens still believes the Well-men are firm favourites to lift the crown.

At the other end of the table, WELSHPOOL moved closer to safety with a crucial 1-0 home win over Bow Street in their last game of what has been a largely disappointing season, with Martyn Ziemann firing the decisive goal.

FOOTBALL

By John Bridgwater

Wales League division one, while Llansantffraid Village's Dale Lloyd took the division's player award.

How's Gray Alliance

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cefn Druids	22	7	1	90	20	73
Conwy Borough	19	6	5	66	35	63
Casmarfan T.	18	8	4	79	33	62
Caersws	17	10	3	56	32	61
Llandudno	12	9	9	55	42	45
Porthmadog	12	6	12	55	53	42
Guilsfield	10	12	8	44	41	42
Fliht T. Utd	12	5	13	46	53	41
Holyhead H.	30	9	10	11	53	37
Penycae	30	10	4	16	47	34
Rhayader T.	30	8	9	13	41	30
Buckley T.	30	6	13	11	41	31
Llanidloes T.	30	8	6	16	44	30
Rhydyrnwlyn	30	8	4	18	32	28
Penrhyonoch	30	5	8	17	35	23
Llansantffraid	30	5	1	24	32	13

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Spar Mid Wales League

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Llindod Wells	25	20	1	4	95	22	61
Llanfair Utd	26	18	6	2	69	27	60
Carno	25	17	4	4	61	32	55
Aberaeron	28	16	6	6	67	40	54
Berriew	24	16	4	4	73	28	52
Waterlool	28	15	4	9	73	50	49
Llansantffraid	28	12	3	13	66	69	39
Aber Uni	26	9	3	14	56	63	30
Montgomery	27	8	5	14	46	72	29
Bow Street	27	8	4	15	47	76	28
Four Crosses	27	8	3	16	47	83	27
Tywyn Bryncreg	26	8	2	16	53	83	26
Welshpool	28	8	3	17	36	66	24
Dylifryn Barw	25	4	4	17	34	78	16
South Wells	26	3	4	19	42	76	13

Callum Matthews scored twice as Presteigne edged out Talgarth 4-3 in division two, Gareth Bull and Shane Griffiths getting the other goals.

*Berriew boss Mike Pearce has landed the manager of the month award for March in the Spar Mid

Ellesmere's youngsters on the hunt for trophies

THE games are coming thick and fast for Ellesmere's in-form young guns who stayed on course for a trophy or two this season by reeling off three fine victories in a week.

First up, they defeated Lichfield City 2-1 in the Midland Floodlit Youth League Cup quarter-final, negotiating an interval deficit to progress through a late Jay Stoker penalty and a final minute winner from Scott Ryan.

Ellesmere then faced a double header in their busy end of season schedule, with their programme first taking them to Midland Floodlit Premier North rivals Newcastle Town for a league match which they won 2-1 to stay on course for runners-up spot.

And this was followed by a 2-0 success over Hinkley Town to reach the final of the Midland Floodlit Youth League Cup.

But they responded well with Jack Gaddies finishing off an excellent move on 45 minutes.

The visitors rode their luck in the early part of the second period with keeper Dan Pilkington making a couple of excellent stops before the Swans took control and Gaddies grabbed his brace in the 75th minute.

Rangers then entertained undefeated Hinkley United in the Midland Floodlit Youth League Cup semi-final last Thursday, and inflicted a first defeat on the treble-chasers.

Matt Jones' deflected shot in the 14th minute set Rangers on their way and Ryan set up the winner when coolly squaring the ball for Dave Easthope to rifle home to send Ellesmere into a Midland final against Hednesford Town in May.

"The lads who came in against Newcastle did an excellent job and it was a bonus three points with us resting so many for the semi-final," said manager Dan Stevens.



Llanfair goalscorer Daniel Jones (centre) looks to shrug off two Guilsfield opponents in his side's 2-1 Central Wales semi-final win. Pictures: Stuart Townsend.



Llanfair's Luke Gethin (right) chases down an opponent in the Central Wales Cup win

U12s edged out in final

LLANYMYNECH under-12s put up a brave fight before losing 3-2 to Up & Comer Ospreys in an exciting Shropshire Consolation Cup final.

Having previously lost twice to the Ospreys this season, Llany were determined to step up their game, and gave their rivals a run for their money with terrific goals from Antoine McArdle and Lloyd Edwards keeping them in the hunt.

Meanwhile, the under-10s were 4-3 winners at Shrewsbury Juniors, with two of the goalscorers, Rhys Edwards and Ryan Edwards, their players of the match.

The under-nines went down 4-2 at Worthen with Olly Morris and man of the match Jac Dean getting their replies, and the under-eights suffered a 10-0 loss at Saha, despite being just two goals down at half time.

OSWESTRY Tigers were on the prowl with a 11-0 win over Whitchurch Colts, with Max Thomas firing a hat-trick while Olly Evans, Kyle Dwyer and Charlie Morris each netted twice.

Seb Wiltson and Aaron Spelman were the other goalscorers, with Kian Thomas the player of the match.

Morda still in with title shout after Prees win

MORDA United kept alive their slim title hopes in the Mercian Regional League premier division with a hard-fought 2-1 victory away to Prees.

The open pitch and windy conditions affected the game but the Weston Road dug deep to secure all of the points with goals from Chris Bishop and Shawn Melussi.

Results elsewhere also went in their favour with leaders Oakengates Athletic and second placed Church Stretton both suffering defeats, leaving Morda fifth in the league with four games to play, one more than their main title rivals.

Last weekend's win was a good response after suffering a 5-1 hammering at second placed Church Stretton on Easter Monday, although Morda have asked the league to look into the fact that the south Shropshire hosts may have fielded an ineligible player.

Ironically, Craig Rogers' side were themselves thrown out of the Shropshire Challenge Cup after being found guilty of fielding an illegal player in their quarter final tie against Cleef Hill earlier in the year.

Morda turned their attentions to cup action on Wednesday when they travelled to Whitchurch Alport in the semi-final of the Premier Division Cup, while they play their fourth successive away game in the league in Saturday's trip to AFC Bridgnorth Reserves.

With time running out, WESTON RHYN remain deep in basement danger after their 2-0 loss at Shifnal 97, while in division one, OSWESTRY VILLA were edged out 1-0 at home to Cleef Hill.

FC OSWESTRY Town's title challenge in division one was frustrated as their clash with Brown Cleef was positioned as their rivals were unable to raise a team.

PLACINGS

Roche North Shropshire Sunday Football League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cross Foxes	14	11	2	15	34	34	35
Maipas	13	9	2	37	29	73	29
Oak Inn	11	6	3	3	20	3	20
Athletic Market	14	5	6	2	18	6	18
The Keys	12	4	7	8	13	7	13
Lodge Inn	13	4	8	14	13	4	13
Dudleston Hth	11	3	7	10	10	17	10
Tavern	12	2	9	16	7	16	7

Mercian Regional Football League PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oakengates Ath	23	13	4	6	60	39	43
C Stretton	23	12	5	6	46	30	41
FC Hodnet	24	11	6	7	34	29	39
Ketley B Utd	23	11	5	7	36	39	38
Telford Jun	24	11	4	9	52	38	37
Whitchurch AR	25	9	10	6	43	32	37
Wellington R	24	9	7	8	43	41	34
Morda United	20	10	3	7	57	43	33
Shifnal Utd 97	22	9	4	9	36	32	31
Allscott	25	6	8	11	45	58	26
B North Res	25	6	7	12	38	28	25
Masley Spis	21	7	3	11	33	38	24
Prees	25	7	3	15	38	70	24
Weston Rhyn	23	6	4	13	34	58	22

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Childs Ercall	21	17	0	4	92	16	51
Oswestry T	22	15	3	4	69	16	48
Wrexeter R	19	13	4	2	63	22	43
Bishop's C	22	13	1	8	55	30	40
Rock Row	19	11	3	5	56	34	36
Dawley Town	25	10	9	6	58	46	36
Harwood UR	21	11	2	8	48	25	35
Oakengates R	23	9	3	11	41	56	30
Cleef Hill	20	8	5	7	48	43	29
Brown Cleef	20	7	3	10	56	24	24
Wrock Wd Jun	24	5	2	17	28	19	17
Oswestry Villa	22	4	14	36	62	16	16
Meole Brace	24	4	3	17	31	107	15
Shawbury UR	22	5	1	16	24	86	16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wrock Colls	23	19	2	2	113	33	56
AFC Wellington	24	17	1	6	127	49	50
FC Hodnet	19	17	2	0	113	19	52
Dom S&S	20	15	0	5	108	43	45
Wrock Wd Jun	24	11	6	7	58	40	42
Market D Tggs	23	13	1	9	86	52	40
Claireley	23	12	0	11	75	34	40
Ludlow Colls	24	10	2	12	93	60	32
Aldington Jun	23	6	1	16	46	37	19
Highway MW	24	3	3	16	51	91	18
Oswestry V	23	5	2	16	26	81	17
Spaiala B	23	5	2	16	35	104	17
Denso	24	0	1	23	18	274	1

Oak secure third spot after a nine goal thriller

THE Oak Inn secured third place in the Roche North Shropshire Sunday League after defeating The Keys by the odd goal in a nine goal thriller, **writes JOHN BRIDGE-WATER.**

Ryan Morris opened the scoring from the penalty spot to give the Oak the lead but Richard Chamberlain equalised only for Tom Stedman to restore the advantage.

Daryl Davies again levelled for the Keys. Dave Hartshorn then put the Oak 3-2 up with Aaron Coulson levelling matters just before half-time.

Morris made it 4-3 with his second goal of the game after the break with Coulson putting the Keys on level terms again before Hartshorn grabbed the winner late on to give the Oak the three points.

Jack Wainright scored four times for MALPAS in their 5-2 win over DUDLESTON HEATH, with Luke Parry getting the other. Lee Thomstone and Adam Preston, with a penalty, responded.

This week's fixtures
Thursday May 1 (6.15) – Consolation Cup Semi-Final: Lodge Inn v Duleston Heath (at Weston Rhyn)

League: Malpas v Oak Inn
Sunday, May 4 – League: Oak Inn v Tavern, The Keys v Lodge Inn.

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ASHLEY Davies fired a hat-trick to put Llanfair reserves on the brink of the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one title after a 3-1 win over Guilsfield reserves.

Davies' treble took his goal tally to 36 from 24 games, and means Llanfair need just one point from their final game to secure the crown.

The hot-shot opened the scoring after 28 minutes when he seized on a Mark Richards goal kick, and grabbed his second just before half-time, pouncing on an error by the Guilsfield keeper.

In the second half, he made it 3-0 on 57 minutes scoring from the rebound before James Langford grabbed a late consolation goal for Guilsfield.

More wins for so-busy Ellesmere

MARCO Adaggio, Scott Ryan and Dave Easthope shared the goals as Ellesmere Rangers, who remain on course for a respectable mid-table finish in the West Midlands League premier division, swept aside Herefordshire club Wellington 3-0 at Beech Grove.

It was another impressive result for Delwyn Humphreys' side following on from an excellent 3-1 midweek victory at high-flying Black Country Rangers.

Rangers have coped really well with a punishing schedule of matches owing to so many postponements earlier in the season.

They travel to county rivals Wellington Amateurs tonight before hosting lowly Bustleholme on Saturday.

They then welcome Amateurs to Beech Grove on Monday night and travel to Dudley Town next Wednesday as the games continue to come thick and fast.

Pool win – at the double

WELSHPOOL shrugged off any basement concerns in rugby's Swalec League division three (north) with a couple of terrific wins in the space of three days.

First, they saw off Flint 38-25 before maintaining their good form with a 33-13 victory at Holyhead last Saturday, gaining another bonus point for their efforts.

After their exertions against Flint, it took time for Pool to get into their stride against the Anglesey side, but result never looked in doubt as they led 12-3 at half time, with prop Ben Astley and hooker Jamie Richards both crossing for tries, with Daley Jones supplying one conversion.

Although Holyhead bagged a couple of tries in the second half, the Maesydre side were always in the ascendancy with wing Toby Hodgson crossing while the bonus point was sealed when centre Tom Davies went over for a fourth touchdown late on.

Daley Jones finished with 13 points with the boot.

Welshpool play their last league game on Saturday at home to Bangor before heading to Spain for an end of season tour.

COBRA II missed out on some end of season silverware after going down 12-5 to Llanidrod Wells in a closely contested final of the Mid Wales Cup at Llanidloes.

There was little between the sides in the first half which finished 0-0, but Llandod held the upper hand in the second period as their strong pack enjoyed more possession.

They made the breakthrough with a try midway through the half, and added a second following some tight forward play before replacement scrum half Bryn Davies got a consolation try.

■ COBRA's youngsters suffered a high scoring 35-29 loss to Llanfenni in the North Wales Youth League division one.

Mere bowlers are on a roll

ELLESMERE A are setting the early pace in the Oswestry and District Bowls League division three after storming to an 8-2 (153-107) win at Church C, **writes JOHN BRIDGE-WATER.**

Newly promoted to the division this term, the Meresiders made hit two wins out of two, with Tony Johnson (21-4) and Neil Kershaw (21-8) leading the way.

Sean Griffiths, who won to nine, was the best response for Church who have lost both outings so far.

Ellesmere lead the table on shots aggregate from the club's B team who also continued their winning start after swamping Johnstown D 9-1 (163-100).

Doug McCoy led the charge, taking the coppers to five and Ted Formstone (21-6) not far behind.

WESTON RHYN C slipped up 8-2 (154-138) at Flexsys B, their two replies coming

from Gerry Owen (21-9) and John Gale (21-19). Other results:

Division Three: Royston A 4 Plas Kynaston A 6 (143-154), Ceiriog Valley B 2 Whittington E 8 (134-160).

Division Four: Llangynog C 9 Llanfyllin A 1 (167-86), Llanhaeadr C 6 Corwen B 4 (143-129), Llanymynech B 6 Ceiriog Valley C 4 (147-125), Overton B 4 Bersham 6 (135-148), Ruabon B 8 Llangollen B 2 (145-109), Weston Rhyn B 7 Fox Lane 3 (156-154).

Division Five: Chirk C 8 Llanhaeadr B 2 (154-118), Church D 2 Overton C 8 (131-161), Cynwyd B 8 Whittington C 2 (157-88), P Kynaston B 4 L'haeadr D 6 (132-132), Royston B 7 Criffins D 3 (140-110), Whittington D 4 Johnstown F 6 (128-134).

Division Six: Johnstown E 6 Weston Rhyn D 4 (145-117), Llangynog B 6 Ye Olde Crofte B 4 (140-124), Ruabon C 9 Llanfyllin B 1 (166-93), Weston Rhyn E 9 Cynwyd C 1 (158-104).

■ Ifton's clash at Chester Road in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League was postponed due to waterlogged green following a heavy rainstorm.

PLACINGS

Oswestry Bowling League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ruabon A.....	2	2	0	0	+63	15
Criffins A.....	2	2	0	0	+60	14
Criffins B.....	2	1	0	0	+58	14
Johnstown A.....	2	2	0	0	+7	13
Whittington A.....	2	1	1	0	-7	11
Flexsys A.....	2	1	1	0	+4	10
Church A.....	2	1	1	0	+35	10
Chirk A.....	2	1	1	0	-37	8
Corwen A.....	2	0	1	1	-37	8
Johnstown B.....	2	0	1	1	-43	7
Cynwyd A.....	2	0	2	0	-36	5
Llanymynech A.....	2	0	2	0	-91	5

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Llangollen A.....	2	2	0	0	+55	16
Weston Rhyn A.....	2	1	0	1	+43	14
Criffins C.....	2	2	0	0	+32	13
Johnstown C.....	2	1	0	1	+46	11
Ye Olde Crofte A.....	2	1	1	0	+17	10
Ye Olde Crofte B.....	2	1	1	0	+14	10
Georges.....	2	1	0	1	+28	10
Overton A.....	2	1	0	1	-3	9
Black Lion.....	2	0	1	1	-40	7
Criffins B.....	2	0	2	0	-50	4
Church B.....	2	0	2	0	-30	4

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Chirk AAA B.....	2	2	0	0	+91	17
Ellesmere A.....	2	2	0	0	+87	16
Ellesmere B.....	2	2	0	0	+72	16
Plas Kynaston A.....	2	2	0	0	+22	13
Whittington E.....	2	1	1	0	+17	11
Johnstown D.....	2	1	1	0	+11	11
Weston Rhyn C.....	2	1	0	1	+26	9
Flexsys B.....	2	1	1	0	-58	8
Royston A.....	2	0	2	0	-52	7
Church C.....	2	0	2	0	-58	5
Whittington B.....	2	0	2	0	-83	4
Ceiriog Valley B.....	2	0	2	0	-74	3

DIVISION 4

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ruabon B.....	2	2	0	0	+44	15
Ceiriog Valley C.....	2	2	0	0	+43	15
Bersham.....	2	2	0	0	+45	13
Fox Lane.....	2	1	1	0	+62	12
Llangollen B.....	2	1	1	0	+26	11
Llangynog C.....	2	1	0	1	+13	10
Llanymynech D.....	2	1	0	1	-10	9
Overton B.....	2	0	2	0	-30	8
Corwen B.....	2	0	2	0	-22	7
Llanhaeadr C.....	2	1	1	0	-50	7
Llanfyllin C.....	2	1	0	1	-40	7
Weston Rhyn B.....	2	1	1	0	-78	7

DIVISION 5

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Cynwyd B.....	2	2	0	0	+75	15
Overton C.....	2	2	0	0	+43	15
Llanhaeadr D.....	2	2	0	0	+25	13
Llanhaeadr B.....	2	1	1	0	+22	12
Chirk AAA C.....	2	1	1	0	+23	11
Johnstown F.....	2	1	0	1	+11	11
Royston B.....	2	1	0	1	+5	10
Plas Kynaston B.....	2	0	1	1	+5	9
Whittington C.....	2	1	1	0	-37	9
Criffins D.....	2	0	2	0	-36	6
Church D.....	2	0	2	0	-62	5
Whittington D.....	2	0	2	0	-64	4

DIVISION 6

	P	W	L	D	Agg	Pts
Ruabon C.....	2	2	0	0	+129	19
Ye Olde Crofte B.....	2	1	1	0	+28	11
Weston Rhyn E.....	2	1	1	0	+48	12
Johnstown E.....	2	1	1	0	+7	9
Llanfyllin B.....	2	1	1	0	-52	8
Church E.....	2	1	0	1	+6	7
Llangynog B.....	1	1	0	0	+16	6
Weston Rhyn D.....	1	0	1	0	-28	4
Llanhaeadr E.....	1	0	1	0	-92	1
Cynwyd C.....	2	0	2	0	-110	1

DIVISION 7 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Weston Rhyn A.....	2	2	0	+40	12
Whittington B.....	2	2	0	0	11
Llangynog A.....	2	1	1	+28	11
Llangollen.....	2	1	1	+30	10
Royston A.....	1	1	0	+65	8
Chirk AAA.....	2	1	1	-8	8
Llanymynech.....	2	1	1	-21	8
Royston B.....	2	0	2	-86	5
Ceiriog Valley.....	1	0	1	-2	4
Overton A.....	1	0	1	-31	3
Church Club A.....	1	0	1	-65	1

DIVISION 8 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Weston Rhyn B.....	2	2	0	+114	13
Cynwyd C.....	2	1	1	+23	13
Llanhaeadr A.....	2	1	1	+22	12
Llanhaeadr B.....	2	1	1	+15	9
Cynwyd A.....	2	1	1	-3	8
Church Club B.....	1	1	0	+31	5
Whittington A.....	1	1	0	-18	5
Y O Crofte.....	1	0	1	-19	1
Llangynog B.....	1	0	1	-54	3
Overton B.....	2	0	2	-111	3

Whitchurch Bowls

League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	Pts
Chester Rd A.....	36	21	668
Malpas Spits A.....	36	18	657
AWC A.....	36	22	651
Bridgewater A.....	36	22	650
Prees A.....	36	19	638
Hammer A.....	36	19	636
Woore A.....	36	22	635
Adderley A.....	36	20	634
Wern USC A.....	36	20	633
Hodnet A.....	36	18	627
Distric A.....	36	16	620
Audlem A.....	36	14	568
Wern A.....	36	14	565
Ellesmere A.....	36	7	541

DIVISION 2

	P	W	Pts
Chester Rd B.....	36	21	680
Malpas Fmrs B.....	36	21	648
Childs Errall.....	36	18	639
AWC B.....	36	24	638
Nant Pk Rd A.....	36	18	631
Ifton.....	36	21	625
Wern Albion A.....	36	19	614
Hadnall A.....	36	16	611
Distric B.....	36	17	611
Hartness.....	36	19	607
Ash A.....	36	15	576
Wrenbury A.....	36	14	561
Malpas B.....	36	12	554
Pk Brookhurst A.....	36	15	548

DIVISION 3

	P	W	Pts
Wern B.....	36	25	704
Prees B.....	36	24	690
Whitchurch A.....	36	26	669
Reckford Rd L A.....	36	20	642
Victoria A.....	36	22	642
Calverhall A.....	36	15	537
Chester Rd C.....	36	17	612
Hammer B.....	36	16	618
Woore B.....	36	18	617
Moreton Saye.....	36	18	613
Audlem B.....	36	17	607
Ellesmere D.....	36	14	569
Tilstock A.....	36	14	568
Malpas Spits B.....	36	8	527

Spinners turn it as Morda Readers up and running

OSWESTRY'S cricketers had their rivals in a spin as they made a flying start to life in the Birmingham League division one with a 28-run victory over Barnards Green at Morda Road.

Top-class spin bowling by Warrick Fynn, Robbie Clarke and skipper Mark Robinson turned the game Oswestry's way after the home batsmen had under-performed.

Oswestry were bowled out for a relatively modest 160, top scores coming from Alex Huxley (33), Warrick Fynn (28) and Robbie Clarke (26). Jonathan Dovey was the visitors' best bowler with 5-31.

Barnards Green made a steady start to their reply and had reached 46 without loss after 14 overs.

South African Darren Papier, making his Oswestry debut, then made the breakthrough as he had George Rhodes caught at mid-off by Fynn. Papier went on to trap Alex Hepburn lbw, and that second wicket was the cue for the spinners to take centre stage.

Fynn took 4-28, Robbie Clarke 2-16 and Robinson 1-13 off 10 miserly overs as the Barnards Green innings collapsed to 128 all out.

"At tea, I thought we might be 40 runs short," said skipper Robinson. "But the wicket was taking a bit of spin, and we're pretty strong in that department."

Oswestry II were well beaten at Milford Hall in their opening game of the season.

The home side made 251-8 in a game reduced to 47 overs a side, Luke Ponder leading the way with 65. There were two wickets each for Owen Aspinall, Ian Davies and Xavie Clarke.

Jonathan Davies was the chief contributor with 24 as Oswestry were bowled out for 145 in reply, with Josh Kirk making 22 and Aspinall 21no.

Oswestry III's game against Acton Reynald at

CRICKET

By John Bridgwater

Morda Road on Sunday was washed out after Oswestry had reached 103-6 off 23.4 overs. Martin Chambers made 31 not out and Dave Shaw 25.

The weather also intervened as Oswestry's IV's encounter against Shifnal IV, scheduled to be played at Oswestry School, was abandoned because of heavy overnight rain.

■ Oswestry travel to Wolverhampton on Saturday, with the Seconds at home to Fordhouses (12.30pm). The Thirds visit Prees, and the Fourths play Albrighton Seconds at Morda Road on Sunday (1.30pm)

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CAE GLAS struggled to recover from a poor start as they slumped to five wicket loss to Beacon at Frankwell in their opening fixture in the Shropshire Cricket League division two.

Put in to bat, they tumbled to 73-9 on a damp, slow

wicket, in 35 overs, having launched the innings in a dreadful fashion with both openers dismissed for ducks without a run on the board.

A steady fightback followed with patient batting but runs remained difficult to accumulate, Gareth Edgerton top scoring with 15 and Keith Yapp 13 as Cae Glas closed on 73-9.

Beacon rode their luck as they passed the Glas score for the loss of five wickets, surviving a couple of difficult chances which had they been taken, may have given the Oswestry side a shout of victory.

Ruch Nimantha was in fine form in the field as he snared three sharp catches, while Edgerton took 2-17. Glas bid to bounce back at home to Bishop's Castle on Saturday.

GUILDSFIELD also made a disappointing start to the season after being crushed by 178 runs to Overton in their opening fixture in division four.

Skittled

Overton made merry as they declared on 212-1, with Rob Lawrenson finishing unbeaten on 101 while fellow opener Paul England made 67, the only wicket going to

Guilsfield then slumped to 34 all out in reply, with no batsman making double figures, with Neil Woolley, with 7-9, the chief destroyer. They visit Ludlow III in their second game this Saturday.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY suffered a nine wicket loss to Madeley in division one after being dismissed for 99, Dan Evans top scoring with 28.

There was better news for the second team who skittled Alcott for 62 in the reserve division two, with three wickets apiece for Carl Morris and Jonny Evans. Ed Nicholas then finished on

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Llanfair in first final of Central Wales Cup

LLANFAIR United boss Rhys Stephens is keeping cool over his side's prospects after reaching the final of the Central Wales Cup for the first time.

A 2-1 victory over holders Guilsfield took the Spar Mid Wales League division side through, and they will meet either Berriew or Knighton Town in the final at Newtown's Latham Park on Wednesday, May 14 (7.30).

It was the second Cymru Alliance scalp for Llanfair in the competition, having also overcome Caersws.

But Stephens is refusing to get carried away despite the realistic prospect of more trophy success this term, and insists that his side will face a tough task in the final.

"Whoever we meet, it's going to be tough," he admitted. "If it's Berriew, we've not beaten them in four meetings this season, while Knighton are going well in division two and have also beaten (division one leaders) Llandrindod Wells in the cup."

"But to beat Guilsfield, and also Caersws, we fully deserve to be in the final. We've won a trophy for the last two seasons and it would be nice to win another cup."

Before then, Llanfair bid to keep alive their title bid at home to one time challengers Carno on Saturday while leaders Llandrindod Wells travel to Four Crosses.

At the other end of the table, Dyffryn Banw host fellow strugglers Builth Wells on Saturday as they look to cling on to survival.

WATERLOO Rovers will also have a trophy in their sights when they take on Berriew in the semi-final of the Spar Mid Wales League Cup at Montgomery on Friday (6.15). Aberaeron face with Bow Street at Bont in the other semi-final.

Rhyn take Cup again

WESTON Rhyn had good reason to celebrate this week after lifting the Shropshire FA Challenge Cup for a fifth time in their history.

The villagers cast aside their basement worries in the Mercian Regional League premier division to overcome league rivals Telford Juniors 1-0 in the final at Shrewsbury Town's Greenhous Meadow.

Calum Matthews fired home the winning goal.

Weston Rhyn bowlers mourning greenkeeper Evans

WESTON RHYN bowling club have been left stunned by the sudden death of greenkeeper Glyn Evans on Tuesday evening.

First team players learned of his death during their Oswestry and District Bowls League division two clash away at Criffins B. Evans - who was in his mid 60s - collapsed of a suspected heart attack while working on the Rhyn green.

It was a double tragedy for the Evans family with Glyn's brother, Jim, who lived in Cefn, also passing away in the morning. Despite the sombre mood, Weston Rhyn managed to complete their match at Criffins, which they lost 7-3 (and by six shots), but are likely call off their games this week as a mark of respect.

CHURCH B lost 9-1 (157-97) away at high-fliers Llangollen A, with their one win coming from Merv Weaver (21-10) while there were good performances from Wendy Humphreys and Glenys Jones in losing to 14 and 13 respectively.

LLANRHAEDR A kept up the pressure on the leaders after seeing off Johnstown C 7-3 (153-116), with Neil Jones and Steve Jones both winning to four.

GEORGE lost 6-4 at home to Overton A who took the aggregate by six shots (145-139), their best replies coming from Phil Laker and Lance Leonard (both 14).

Julian Turner and skipper Aled Davies maintained their winning ways as WHITTINGTON A cemented their place in the

leading pack in division one with a 7-3 (159-127) home win against Johnstown B.

Turner took the coppers to five for his third success of the season, Davies also still unbeaten after prevailing 21-11 while father Mervyn Davies won to nine.

CHURCH A consolidated their place in the top half of the table courtesy of a 7-3 (136-130) home success over Chirk A, Ade Humphreys bagging his third straight win with a 21-13 success. Skipper Travis Stokes also won to 13, while Brian Canlett (21-11) bagged the coppers and Martin Jones was a 21-12 winner.

Lowly LLANYMYNECH A are still searching for their first win of the campaign after being edged out 6-4 at home to

Cynwyd A, and were disappointed to miss out by just one shot (136-135).

Roger Candlin kept Llany in the hunt with a 21-7 verdict, Paul Smith also winning to 10, while the match was interrupted after an opponents' car window was broken by a football from a nearby game.

Ceiriog Valley A are one point clear at the top following their comfortable 9-1 (166-106) home win over Flexsys A, taking their points aggregate past the 100 mark.

Fixtures for Tuesday May 6
Div one: Chirk A v Johnstown A, Criffins A v Whittington A, Cynwyd A v Conwen A, Flexsys A v Church A, Johnstown B v Llanymynech A, Ruabon A v Ceiriog Valley A.
Div two: Church B v Black Lion, Llanyngog A v Llangollen A, Overton A v Criffins C, Weston Rhyn A v George, Ye Old Crofte A v Llanrhaeadr A.

Oswestry's cricketers hit road to Midlands in high spirits

OSWESTRY will be wary of a wounded Wolverhampton side as they look to maintain their encouraging start to Birmingham Cricket League division one.

The Morda Road side have already defeated Wolverhampton this term, winning by 107 runs in the Graham Williamson Plate just two weeks ago.

So they can make Saturday's trip to the West Midlands confident, particularly after launching their first season in division one with last weekend's 28-run win at home to Barnards Green.

But captain Mark Robinson expects their opponents to provide more stubborn opposition this time as they look to put the record straight.

"We played very well in the Plate game with Wolverhampton, batting and bowling, and there won't be any chance of them underestimating us," he said.

"They'll certainly raise their game to try and get revenge, but if our game is in order, then I'm confident we've got every chance of doing well."

Opening bowler Paul Robinson returns to the attack after missing last week's first outing, while Sam Huxley also steps back, but opening bat Joe Carrasco is unavailable.

Meanwhile, Mark Robinson was satisfied with his side's efforts in their 28-run success at home to Barnards Green on the opening day.

Electing go bat first, the hosts would have been disappointed to be bowled out for 160 in 46.1 overs, Alex Huxley top scoring with 33.

But the bowlers hit back with the visitors dismissed for 132, left arm spinner Warrick Fynn leading the way 4-39, while and South African all rounder Darren Papier finished 2-25 on his debut.

While Oswestry were getting off to a winning start in the 50-over format, Wolverhampton suffered a frustrating first day as their opening game of the season at Smethwick was abandoned.

SAINTS WANT A FINAL FLOURISH

HEAD coach Carl Darlington insists The New Saints will be firing on all cylinders despite preparations for Saturday's Welsh Cup final with Aberystwyth Town being disrupted this week.

Having already lifted the Welsh Premier title for a record breaking eighth time, the Saints are the bookies' favourites to complete a league and cup double for the second time in three seasons.

But they were given a headache this week with their last league outing at Carmarthen Town, due to be played last Saturday, being rearranged for Tuesday night after being postponed at the last minute due to a waterlogged pitch.

With one eye on the cup final, the Saints suffered a 1-0 loss in West Wales to end the championship winning season on a losing note, and Darlington admitted having to play during the week was not the ideal build-up for Saturday's showpiece cup final at Wrexham's Racecourse (3pm).

Plans

"It was very frustrating to get to Carmarthen last Saturday and find the pitch waterlogged," he said.

"It's almost May, and it's not good enough having a game called off due to the weather."

"Having to play the game on Tuesday meant our preparations went out of the window. We had planned for a free week to train from Monday to Friday, but that did not materialise, so we then had to change our plans at the last minute."

"It was not ideal, we'll only have one full training session with the whole squad on Friday, but we've

by John Bridgwater

just got to get on with it the best we can."

The Saints management faced a dilemma over what team to select for their last league game, as they wanted to avoid any injuries, but also knew it was important to keep players match fit. In the end, several of the club's young guns featured.

"It was a difficult one," added Darlington. "Players need a rest, but at the same time need to stay match sharp, while it was important we respected the league."

"With the Welsh Cup final our priority, the game against Carmarthen was flat from our point of view as we had to look after ourselves and it was a case of getting through it without any injuries, and not to waste any needless energy."

The Saints will be mindful of the threat posed by an in-form Aberystwyth side who drew 2-2 with the champions earlier in the season at home. The two teams are the highest scorers in the league, which should provide an exciting and open final.

"To win the Welsh Cup to add the league would make

it a fantastic season for the club, that is our focus," said Darlington.

"Aber will go into the game with no pressure as they have already qualified for Europe just by reaching the final and it's got the makings of a very good game."

"We lost in the semi-final last season, which still hurts, so it's nice go one better this season and everyone now wants to finish the job."

Aberystwyth's hopes of cup success have been hit as they could be without a recognised goalkeeper after Mike Lewis sustained an ankle ligament injury a couple of weeks back.

With Lewis doubtful, defender Peter Hoy, who has taken the gloves in the last two games, may again be forced to stand in.

■ Tickets for Saturday's Welsh Cup final at Wrexham's Racecourse, which kicks off at 3pm, are priced at £8 for adults, £5 for senior citizens and £1 for juniors (under-16).

They will be available at the ground on the day and advance tickets can be purchased via the FAW website www.faw.org.uk

Chloe in the swim for GB Euro call



Chloe Golding - called up by GB for the European Junior Championship

ELLESMEERE College Titans swimmer Chloe Golding is celebrating after being selected to represent Great Britain at the European Junior Championships in the Netherlands in mid-July following her superb results at the recent British Championships.

The qualifying times required just to take part are extremely hard to achieve

and the competition has added importance as it acts as the main selection meet for international competitions later in the year - in 2014 being used for the Commonwealth and European Junior Championships selection as well.

Head Coach Alan Bircher said: "Her selection to the European Junior Championships is a true reward for all the hard

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